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DEATH-LIKE CALM BEFORE STORM IN SAN FRANCISCO STRIKE

STREETS DESERTED AS CITY PREPARES

THREE LONGSHOREMEN SHOT DEAD IN TEXAS SHIP FRACAS

I WILL CRUSH STRIKE—MAYOR

FACED WITH THE GREATEST CRISIS SINCE THE EARTHQUAKE AND FIRE, A DEATHLY STILLNESS REIGNED IN SAN FRANCISCO LAST NIGHT AS THE CITY PREPARED FOR THE PARALYSING WALK-OUT, WHICH IS TANTAMOUNT TO A GENERAL STRIKE, TO BE DECLARED AT 8 A.M. TO-DAY.

EARLIER IN THE DAY, HOWEVER, SERIOUS STRIFE OCCURRED IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE CITY, AS ROWDY ELEMENTS ENGAGED THE MILITIA FROM WAGON BARRICADES. ONE MAN WAS BAYONETTED IN THE FRACAS.

Simultaneously, rioting was reported from Oakland where rowdy elements pillaged shops and terrorised various districts. At Toledo, three negro longshoremen were shot dead and four other men wounded, one critically, in a fight on board a ship.

The Mayor of San Francisco, Mr. Rossi, uttered a grave warning in a broadcast speech, declaring that every possible measure will be taken to crush the strike. He charged that it was an attempt, on the part of a few radical elements, to overthrow the city administration and the Government of the United States.

ROOSEVELT MAY RETURN

San Francisco, To-day. The general strike was timed to begin at 8 o'clock this morning. The strike committee has recommended that bread, milk and meat be allowed to be delivered to the hospitals.

As the result of the public rush to secure supplies, scores of shops are sold out while others are strictly rationing customers. Many restaurants are closed.

The police chief has requisitioned 500 armed special constables and a detachment of mounted police.

The striking longshoremen's unions demand, a compromise including recognition, as an employment agency, a 30-hour week, U.S.\$1 per hour for wages, and U.S.\$1.50 per hour for overtime.

Federal Troops To Have Control.

The Federal troops are expected to take control of the city as soon as the general strike becomes effective.

The Mayor of San Francisco, Mr. Rossi, declares that he will crush the strike. He asserted that the radical elements are aiming at a revolution.

President Roosevelt, by wireless, has been advised of the developments and may possibly curtail his holiday cruise.

What Longshoremen Desire.

The main effort of the longshoremen, the originators of the strike, is to regain control of the harbour, especially the "hiring halls."

At present, when a ship is expected, the longshoremen enter his name in the pool room and wait hours for employment.

They allege that the men who spend the most time and money in the bars get the job, and secure the foremen of "favoured" whereby 500 men are regularly employed while 8,000 others seldom get a job.

NECESSITIES TO BE SUPPLIED TO POPULACE

STRIKE COMMITTEE DECISION.

RAIL WORKERS' DILEMMA

SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL. (By Telegraph, Copyright, Telegraphic Messages Ordinance, 1924. Received July 16, 11:30 a.m.)

San Francisco, To-day. Recommendations tantamount to a general strike were made here on Saturday. It is predicted that approximately 25,000 workers will walk out to-day.

Of the city's 177 unions, 115 were represented at the official vote, and 63 approved the recommendations, three disapproved, and 49 reported that they were not authorised to vote on the question.

An executive committee of 25 was appointed to direct and supervise the strikes, and later met in session to plan a course of action.

TECHNICALITIES TO RESCUE

It is pointed out that there is little doubt that only technicalities barred a general strike order, namely, that many organisations were unauthorised to vote thereupon, declaring that they must make contact with the international officers before taking such drastic steps, or risk losing all their charters.

The leaders have pointed out that the stoppage is "as near a general strike as it is authorised to go."

Municipal railway workers are greatly confused as to whether to walk out or not, though Mr. Edward Cahill, city manager of the Public Utilities, has predicted that they will undoubtedly walk out. He (Continued on Page 9)

Deathly Quiet Reigns In City As Populace Await Zero Hour

SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL. (By Telegraph, Copyright, Telegraphic Messages Ordinance, 1924. Received July 16, 10:45 a.m.)

San Francisco, To-day. Deathly quiet reigned in the city last night as the population awaited to-day's "zero" hour when it will be gripped by the second general strike in the United States history, despite the unions' evasion of the term "general strike."

Thousands have sent their families elsewhere. The streets and beaches are deserted while white collar workers remained in their homes during the weekend, and are hoarding gasoline in order to reach their offices on Monday. Physicians and authorities, bearing union permits are obtaining gasoline at a single station. All other stations are fuelless. The Sunday transportation was 25 per cent. of normal. The market and street cable railways have been halted. The Municipal Railway schedule is disrupted due to picketing, and it is expected that it will be halted at 8 a.m. to-day. Electricity, telephone, water and gas apparently is not to be disrupted, allowing for near normal home life, despite the business paralysis. United Press, per S. E. Levy and Company.



President Roosevelt (centre) may abandon his cruise on the U.S.S. Houston owing to the gravity of the San Francisco strike situation. The President is here seen on the U.S.S. Minneapolis with the Secretary of the Navy, Mr. Claude Swanson (left) and Mr. Joseph Daniels, war time secretary of the Navy (right).

WALTER HAGEN KILLS BOY IN CAR ACCIDENT

Famous Golfer Weeps Bitterly After Tragedy

St. Paul, Minnesota, To-day. The automobile in which Mr. Walter Hagen, four times winner of the British Open Golf Championship and Beau Brummel of the links, was driving accidentally knocked down and killed a boy here yesterday. Mr. Hagen was most affected and wept bitterly after the tragedy. He has been questioned by the police and released, pending the inquest.—Reuter.

AMERICA'S CUP

STRIKE EFFECT ON ENDEAVOUR

14 OF 22 CREW LEAVE BRITISH YACHT.

London, To-day. Owing to a strike in the paid ranks of Mr. Thomas Sopwith's yacht, Endeavour, the boat will be sailed almost entirely by amateurs in the America's Cup races.

It is learned that the crew gave an ultimatum to Mr. Sopwith on Saturday, demanding practically double the average wages. Mr. Sopwith considered the demands exorbitant and declined to accept them. (Continued on Page 4)

U. S. JUNE COTTON FIGURES

SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL. Washington, To-day. The Department of Agriculture has announced that the United States consumption of cotton in June was 363,414 bales, as against 519,736 in May and 697,261 last June.—United Press, per S. E. Levy and Company.

RUSSIA'S ENTRY TO LEAGUE

Negotiations Nearly Concluded.

APPLICATION EXPECTED PRIOR TO MEETING OF ASSEMBLY

Geneva, To-day. The negotiations for the entry of Russia into the League of Nations are believed to be nearly finished. Russia's application is likely to be made before the meeting of the Assembly.

The negotiations are being conducted in Government channels and not by the League, so the League is ignorant of the date of the application.—Reuter.

AIRCRAFT PLANT IN KWANGTUNG

Machinery Ordered From U.S. Firms.

SHAOKWAN AS SITE

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Canton, To-day. Shaokwan, a town in Northern Kwangtung connected with Canton by the Canton-Hankow Railway, has been selected as the site for the construction of an aircraft factory, where bombers, fighters and pursuit planes will be constructed.

The military authorities consider Shaokwan within easy reach of Canton and of Hankow upon completion of the Canton-Hankow Railway, which is dependent on to supply raw materials for the construction of aeroplanes. Iron and steel will be provided by the new works to be constructed at Tung Lung, four miles from Canton on the right bank of the Pearl River.

Extensive grounds on the outskirts of Shaokwan will be used for the aircraft factory, and a survey of the site will be undertaken by the Provincial Department of Reconstruction. (Continued on page 12.)

JEWELLERY THEFT FROM CAR.

European Woman Victimised.

Jewellery to the value of \$1,540 including a gold wrist watch, a wedding ring and an engagement ring, is reported to have been stolen from the locker of car No. 2836 between the hours of 12:15 a.m. and 1:30 a.m. this morning while the car was parked on the lower road, Repulse Bay. The property belongs to Mrs. Batters of No. 532 the Peak.

TEST TEAM CHOSEN

CLARK AND HOPWOOD ARE PASSED OVER

MITCHELL GIVEN SECOND CHANCE.

JAMES LANGRIDGE INCLUDED

London, To-day.

The 14 players from whom the England XI for the fourth Test match at Leeds will be selected on Friday morning are:—R. E. S. Wyatt (Warwick) (Capt.) C. F. Walters (Worcester) G. O. Allen (Middlesex) Sutcliffe (Yorkshire) Hammond (Gloucester) Hendren (Middlesex) Leyland (Yorkshire) Ames (Kent) Verity (Yorkshire) Mitchell (Derby) Bowes (Yorkshire) Keeton (Notts) Nichols (Essex) Jas. Langridge (Sussex).—Reuter.

After much nocturnal deliberation and suspense the only alteration of the Old Trafford list consists in the substitution of James Langridge and Mitchell for Clark and Hopwood.

Langridge was invited to attend at Manchester, but declined owing to a strained ankle muscle. Mitchell, who failed in the first Test, has again secured recognition on his 7 for 105 feat against the tourists at Chesterfield.

Nichols, the Essex fast bowler and very sound batsman, and Bowes, or Langridge, are expected to fill the two vacancies in the side.

JAPANESE CONSULS TO CONFER.

Local Representative Will Attend.

Nanking, To-day.

According to Chinese information, the much heralded conference convened by the Japanese Government of Formosa will be held within the next few days.

The conference will be attended by Japanese Consular officials from Amoy, Foochow, Swatow, Shamsen and Hong Kong. Mr. A. Ariyoshi, Japanese Minister to China, will be represented by Mr. Y. Yamada, Counsellor at the Japanese Legation.

Great significance is being attached to the decisions of the conference.—Reuter. (Continued on Page 12.)

WANG CHING WEI IN SHANGHAI.

Autumn Survey Being Contemplated.

Shanghai, To-day.

Mr. Wang Ching-wei arrived here this morning. Alighting from the train at Nanshiang he was seen consulting Dr. Noll regarding his sickness.

A Nanking message states that, according to Chinese reports, Marshal Chiang Kai-shek and Mr. Wang Ching-wei will proceed to the north-west this Autumn to inspect conditions in that region. The provinces to be inspected are Shanxi, Kansu, Ninghsia, Chinghai and Sinkiang. The visit will be a preliminary step towards a large-scale development of the natural resources in the north-west region.—Reuter.

30 BURNED TO DEATH IN TEMPLE BLAZE

Calcutta Devotees Careless With Flaming Torches

Calcutta, To-day. Thirty persons were burned to death and 40 seriously injured when fire broke out in a temple near Tinevelly, yesterday. Flaming torches carried by devotees set fire to the thatched roof of the temple, from which there was only one narrow exit. Many were hurt in the frantic rush to escape.—Reuter.

WHERE CANTON DOES NOT SEE EYE TO EYE

Nanking Policies Slated.

PRESS REPORTS REFUTED

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Canton, To-day. "To co-operate with Nanking means to acquiesce in its policy of giving away national territories," declared a spokesman of the South-west Political Council last night when pointing out the obstructions to Canton-Nanking harmony.

During the week-end, Mr. Hsiao Fu-chen, a member of the same Council, stated that there was no discussion of an understanding between Canton and Nanking. This statement appeared in all the local papers except the *Man Kwok Yat Po*, whose editor is concurrently the secretary general of the First Group Army.

Mr. Hsiao said that all the reports of impending Canton-Nanking co-operation were released by the official news agencies in Nanking and published in several Chinese newspapers in Hong Kong.

Supplementing Mr. Hsiao's remarks, the spokesman of the South-west Political Council complained against the vernacular press reports stating that Mr. Hu Han-min, retired Kuomintang leader, will shortly leave Hong Kong for an extended trip abroad. He said such a story was circulated by Nanking for an ulterior motive.

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265 CLAIMED BY HEAT WAVE

Including 5 Of Panchen Lama's Bodyguard.

COFFIN-MAKERS BUSY IN NORTH

Peking, To-day.

Over 10 deaths have occurred in Tsinan from heat, while five members of the Panchen Lama's bodyguard died yesterday while en route to Peking by train.

Two hundred succumbed at Yangchow from heat and Summer diseases, and 50, including a family of four, have died at Hsuechow, where the coffin-makers are very busy.

Owing to the heat the local morality dress regulations have been relaxed.—Reuter.

WEATHER FORECAST

Fine to cloudy, with moderate south-west winds, was the weather forecast issued by the Royal Observatory this morning.

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THE DIVIDEND will be payable on and after MONDAY, 13th August, 1934, at the offices of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

THE REGISTER OF SHARES of the Corporation will be closed from MONDAY, 30th July to SATURDAY, 11th August (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered. By Order of the Board of Directors
V. M. GRAYBURN,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 11th July, 1934.

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 27th July, to FRIDAY, the 3rd August, 1934, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.
W. L. MCKENZIE,
Secretary.
10th July 1934.

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The following programme will be broadcasted to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wave length of 355 metres (845 K.C.s):—

1.25 p.m.—European Programme.
1 p.m.—Local Time & Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Recorded Music.
1.15 p.m.—A Relay of the Hong Kong Hotel Orchestra from the Hong Kong Hotel Grill Room.
1.30 p.m.—Rugby Press New, etc.
2.15 p.m.—Close Down.
Violin and Piano Recital from the Studio To-Night.

5-6 p.m.—A Relay of the Band of the 1st Battalion South Wales Borderers, conducted by Bandmaster C. Eldicott, from the Military Hospital, Bowen Road, by kind permission of Lieut. Colonel A. E. Edwards, D.S.O., M.C., P.S.C.

6-7 p.m.—A Relay of the Hong Kong Hotel Dance Orchestra from the Hong Kong Hotel Roof Garden.

7 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations. London & New York Stock & Commodity Quotations.

7.45-7.50 p.m.—Musical Comedy. Vocal Gems—

The Girl Friend (Rodgers)
Peggy Ann (Rodgers)
Light Opera Company.

Orchestra—
One Hour with You—Medley
New Mayfair Orchestra.

Vocal Gems—
The Desert Song (Romberg)
The Blue Mazurka (Lehar)

Light Opera Company.
A Recital by Miss Jose Radesky (Violin) and Miss Mona Maclean (Pianoforte).

Programme
1. Gypsy Love—Valse (Lehar)
2. Serenade (D'Alia)
3. Berceuse de Jocelyn (Godard)
4. The Ball of New York—Selection (Kerker)

5. Had you but Known (Denza)
6 p.m.—Local Time & Weather Report.
8.00-10.30 p.m.—Chinese Studio Concert.

9.30 p.m.—London 1 p.m. Stock & Commodity Quotations.
10.30 p.m.—Rugby Mid-day Press News. Further London Stock & Commodity Quotations followed by New York Opening Quotations.

10.40 p.m.—Close Down.
All Relays of the Hong Kong Hotel Orchestras are by the courtesy of the Management.

8.30-10 p.m.—European Programme from "Z.B.W." on a frequency of 640 K.C.s.

8.30-8.47 p.m.—Peer Gynt Suite No. 1 (Grieg, Op. 45) played by The New Queen's Hall Light Orchestra by conducted by George Schreievolt.

1. Morning
2. The Death of Ase.
3. Anitra's Dance.
4. In the Hall of the Mountain King.
8.47-9 p.m.—Cello Solos by Beatrice Harrison.

1. (a) Pastoral. (b) Repl. (Cyril Scott)
2. Adagio (Marcello, arr. Salmon)
3. Elegie (Debussy)
4. Caprice (Debussy)

9-9.34 p.m.—Operatic.
Orchestra—
Mignon—Overture (Thomas)
Chicago Symphony Orchestra directed by Frederick Stock.

Song—
Aida—O Patria Mia (Verdi)
II Trovatore—D'Amour Sull' All' Rocco (Verdi)
Eva Turner (Soprano)

Orchestra—
Madame Butterfly—Fantasia (Puccini)
Victor Symphony Orchestra directed by Josef Pasternack.

Vocal Duets—
"Madame Butterfly"
(Child, from whose eyes)
Bimba Dagil Ochi
Sheridan (Soprano) and Fertile (Tenor)

9.34-10 p.m.—Light Orchestra.
Herman Finck & His Orchestra.
In Spring (Finck) Orchestra (Goldmark)

Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Clemens Krauss.
Schubert's Love Songs—Medley (Schubert—Berlioz)
Mark Weber & His Orchestra.

10 p.m.—Close Down.

PRECAUTIONS AGAIN AIR RAIDS

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In Soviet Russia "protective air-raid detachments" exist in every city. The Aviakhim (Aero-Chemical League), a semi-official body, is stated to have a membership of fifteen millions. It carries out incessant propaganda both for air expansion and for active and passive air defence. Typical of the Soviet's attitude in regard to the latter is the decree, published on December 1, 1932, which made anti-gas instruction in the schools obligatory. All the children are provided with gas masks, the wearing of which must be rehearsed once a week.

Italy Tackles Problem

In Italy Signor Mussolini has tackled the problem with characteristic energy—municipal organizations have been created; special duties have been assigned to the Fascist militia; realistic air raids have been carried out upon cities plunged in darkness; decrees have been issued legislating for the creation in war-time of special fire brigades, for the supply of gas masks to factory workers, and requiring that any new tubes and tunnels in certain areas shall be so constructed as to be suitable for air-raid shelters.

In all the countries I have mentioned, and in the smaller States of Central South-Eastern Europe where similar steps have been taken for the safety of the population, the whole scheme centres upon the co-operation not only of the civil authorities but also of the people themselves. That fact renders the following statement made by Mr. Baldwin in the House of Commons on November 10, 1932, the more inappreciable. "After stating his conviction that in the next war cities will be subjected to bomb and gas attacks notwithstanding any conventions prohibiting them, he declared: "I will not pretend that we are not taking our precautions in this country. We have done it. We have made our investigations, much more quietly and hitherto without any publicity, but considering the years that are required to make your preparations, any Government of this country in the present circumstances of the world would have been guilty of criminal negligence had they neglected to make their preparations."

Sketchy Preparations

In point of fact, the preparations referred to are, by comparison with those on the Continent, of the sketchiest description. And why this secrecy? What prospect is there of successful popular co-operation in emergency if the public is to be kept in the dark? It may be claimed that no conceivable measures of the kind would ensure the safety of the eight million inhabitants of London. But even so there is no reason why little or nothing should be done. Public instruction and appropriate organization in peace would save life and help to avert panic in the event of war.

But "prevention is better than cure." It was proved in 1918 that an adequate Air Force can be an effective deterrent to aerial attack. It is the continued neglect of active defence, even more than that of passive defence, which in view of the present circumstances of the world, we may one day have cause to describe as criminal.

BRIDGE NOTES
PREEMPTIVE Bidding.

by Ely Culbertson.

Every Bridge player knows the value of Preemptive bids, the objective of which is to prevent opponents from getting together at their best contract.

No doubt, Preemptive bids properly used are extremely effective, particularly when based on hands which are of the type which suggests little possibility of defense but strong possibilities on the attack—in other words, hands with a wealth of playing-tricks if a particular suit is trump, but lacking in defensive strength if an opponent is the Declarer.

When a player holds a hand of this type, Preemptive bidding is clearly indicated, but it is rarely wise to make a Preemptive bid above the game limit, as the holder of the West and below learned to his sorrow when he opened the bidding with five hearts after the other three players had passed.

North, Dealer.
North and South vulnerable.

North:—
S—Q J
H—7
D—A 10 7 5 3 2
C—Q J 10 5

West:—
S—
H—A Q J 10 8 6 5 4
D—9
C—A 9 6 3

East:—
S—A 10 6
H—K 8 2
D—Q 8 6 4
C—8 4 2

South:—
S—K 9 8 7 5 4 3 2
H—9
D—K J
C—K 7

The bidding: (Figures after bids refer to numbered explanatory paragraphs).

North East South West
Pass Pass Pass 5 H (1)
Pass 7 H (2) Pass Pass

1—West afterwards explained that he was afraid that his vulnerable opponents would reach a game in spades; hence, in order to shut out any Overcall at the game level, he bid five.

2—Unfortunately East interpreted the five-heart bid as almost every player would—namely, as a Slam invitation. Even at that his response was entirely too strong but he evidently decided that the heart King was a trick and that the spade Ace was one; hence that West held 11 tricks in his own hand and thus his two tricks must assure the making of the Grand Slam.

In the bidding of this hand both East and West are to blame. West for opening with a bid of five hearts when he has other, better bids; and East for failing to realize that his partner does not have a hand containing 11 tricks. East's bid of seven hearts cannot be sound because West cannot have 11 tricks in his hand and not have at his disposal a better opening bid than a Preemptive bid of five hearts. In actual play the hand was set a trick although had West played with a little more care he might have held the set to one or two.

BROKE FAITH WITH STRIKERS

Belgrade University Rector Resigns.

SEQUEL TO POLICE ACTION

Belgrade. The Rector and vice-Rector of Belgrade University have resigned following the recent students' "stay-in" strike—because they were unable to keep faith with the strikers.

They gave the students written guarantees that, if they dispersed quietly, they would not be molested by the police.

Soon afterwards the police, at the point of the bayonet, broke into the University buildings occupied by the students and arrested about 150 of them. Including many girls. Some of them were detained for several days.

The whole University Council may follow the example of the Rector and his colleagues as a protest against the action of the police.

Meanwhile, it is likely that all Communist and other "left wing" students will be expelled from the University—which would mean at least half of the students there.

It is also suggested that a "confession of political faith" should be exacted from all people wishing to enter the University.

Doubt, however, is cast on the official claim that the strike originated in Communist propaganda by the fact that the strike leaders included the sons of Dr. Mincichitch, a former Foreign Minister; one of the richest men in the country, and of Dr. Krulj, a friend of King Alexander.

The strike started as a protest against stringent new regulations curtailing the freedom of the students.—Reuter.

SUNSPOT ALARM IN CHICAGO.

Magnetic Storms Expected.

Chicago.

A sunspot, which in four days has increased in diameter from 16,000 to 35,000 miles, may send wireless reception back to the days of crashing static disturbance; cause magnetic storms so intense that they would disrupt overhead telegraph wires; bring about a magnificent display of the aurora borealis; cause a marked decrease in ultra-violet radiation from the sun; and cause a slight increase in rain and a decrease in average temperatures.

Professor Phillip Fox, Director of the Adler Planetarium here, who made the above predictions, declares that for the next four years sun-spots, which are the visible evidences of terrific explosive storms of flaming gas vapours in the sun, will increase in size and frequency.—Reuter.

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ler and a maid, masquerading as members of noble families, carry on their romance in the apartment of the butler's titled master. The film, fashioned from the play of the same name by Slegfried Geyer, was directed by James Whale, and is supported by Nils Asther, Esther Ralston, Lawrence Grant and Dorothy Revier.

Amusements**Cinema Notes****"ALL MEN ARE ENEMIES"—KING'S THEATRE**

"All Men Are Enemies," a powerful romantic drama, which affords Hugh Williams, the Captain Stanhope of "Journey's End," and Helen Twelvetrees to attain new heights in stardom, is Fox's current release, now showing at the King's Theatre.

The story, written by Richard Aldington, is one of the most powerful and beautiful love stories yet shown in the Colony.

It deals with the romance of an English boy and an Australian girl who seek amidst the fascinating surroundings of the Island of Capri the full expression of their yearnings. They meet, they love, their glorious romance, only to be separated by the sounding of the war trumpet and they revel in the ecstasy of.

During the years of separation, when hope of finding each other has been given up, though their undying love was still embodied in their souls, they meet again in the Island of their first love.

Others in the cast are Mona Barrie, Herbert Mundin, Henry Stephenson, and Walter Byron and others.

"FUGITIVE LOVERS"—QUEEN'S THEATRE

Superbly cast with two of Hollywood's most popular stars, Robert Montgomery and Madge Evans, "Fugitive Lovers," Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's latest production, is now showing at the Queen's Theatre.

The greater part of the action takes place on a Greyhound road cruiser en route to Hollywood from New York. Robert Montgomery, who is as daring in the thrilling prison escape scene as he is romantic, meets Miss Evans on the bus, and falls in love with her.

The supporting cast includes Ted Healy, and C. Henry Gordon.

"THE HOUSE ON 56TH STREET"—ALHAMBRA THEATRE

A poignant and compelling drama, which testifies to Kay Francis's ability as a first class actress, is Warner Brothers' current attraction, now showing at the Alhambra Theatre.

In the film Miss Francis is accused of murdering her former lover, and is sentenced to 20 years' imprisonment. When she is free, she finds that her husband has been killed in the War, and how she manages her life after that forms the greater part of the story.

Supporting Miss Francis are John Halliday, Gene Raymond, Ricardo Cortez, Margaret Lindsay, Hardie Albright, Theodore Newton, Frank McHugh, and Sheila Terry.

"SONG PARADE"—ORIENTAL THEATRE

"Song Parade," a Chinese picture, featuring Mr. and Mrs. Sit Kok Sin, is the Oriental Theatre's current attraction.

The picture, by the Unique Film Company, is considered the "greatest Chinese talk and singing picture," yet produced in China.

"DANCING LADY"—STAR THEATRE

Joan Crawford and Clark Gable, two of the most prominent stars on the screen, are cast in a thrilling story of back-stage life and romance in "Dancing Lady."

The glamorous Joan Crawford, gives a very striking performance and is well supported by Clark Gable, as the debonair stage-manager, Franchot Tone, as the millionaire suitor, May Robson, Nelson Eddy, Winnie Lightner and Robert Benchley.

"BY CANDLELIGHT"—MAJESTIC THEATRE

A fine sophisticated comedy, "By Candlelight," with Elissa Landi and Paul Lukas in the leading roles, is Universal's current production now showing at the Majestic Theatre.

Hilarious complications are enacted on board a train when a but- (Continued at foot of preceding Column).

Sporting Page

DERBY FAVOURITE DISAPPOINTS BACKERS FOR SECOND TIME

6 COUNTRIES ENTERED FOR BALLOON RACE

Two Americans To Strive For Gordon Bennett Trophy

Warsaw, July 7. The Polish Aero Club, winners of last year's Gordon Bennett balloon race, have received thirteen nominations from six countries for participation in this year's race.

Poland and Germany have entered three balloons, Switzerland, Belgium, and the United States two each, and Italy one.

The start will take place in Warsaw on September 3.

AUSTRALIA SUCCESSFUL IN DAVIS CUP

McGRATH WINS DECIDER.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA'S PLUCKY CHALLENGE CONCLUDES

Prague, To-day. Australia reached the Inter-Zone Davis Cup Final yesterday when Vivian McGrath, youthful two-handed backhand exponent, beat L. Hecht in four sets to bring about Czechoslovakia's downfall by a 3 to 2 margin.

Australia will now meet America on the No. 1 court at Wimbledon on July 21, 23, and 24 in the Inter-Zone Final. The winners of this match will meet Britain in the Challenge Round on the same court on July 28, 30 and 31.

Roderique Menzel created a sensation yesterday by beating Jack Crawford, Australia's captain, in four sets to place Czechoslovakia on level terms.—Reuter.

Menzel has shown surprising form for a veteran, defeating both the Australian singles entrants, Jack Crawford and Vivian McGrath. He beat McGrath in straight sets on Friday in a match which went to 40 games.

The Australians, as expected, won the doubles match, on Saturday, Crawford and A. K. Quist beating R. Menzel and L. Hecht. Full scores as cabled by Reuter, were:

R. Menzel (Czechoslovakia) beat V. M. McGrath 10-8, 6-2, 8-6.
J. H. Crawford (Australia) beat L. Hecht 6-4, 6-3, 6-2.
J. H. Crawford and A. K. Quist (Australia) beat L. Hecht and R. Menzel 6-4, 6-3, 6-4.
R. B. Menzel (Czechoslovakia) beat J. H. Crawford 6-4, 6-4, 2-6, 6-6.
V. M. McGrath (Australia) beat L. Hecht 3-6, 6-2, 6-1, 7-5.

In their path to the European Zone Final, Australia eliminated Japan and France, while Czechoslovakia, who reached the Final for the first time in the series, beat New Zealand and Italy.



C.C.C. RINK BEAT RECREIO FOUR

Open Championship Match.

The postponed Open Rinks Lawn Bowls Championship match between R. F. Luz, B. W. Bradbury, H. Bear and U. M. Omar, Craigen-gower Cricket Club, and H. A. S. Alves, L. F. Xavier, L. J. Silva and P. V. V. Ribeiro, Recreio, was played off on the Talkoo Docks Recreation Club green yesterday, the Craigen-gower rink winning by 26 shots to 22.

The winners will now meet the Civil Service Rink composed of E. W. Simmonds, J. Deakin, F. J. Jones and A. W. Grimmit, on the Police green.

GERMANS LIKELY TO WIN

First Success Struggle Against Radio.

"C" DIVISION TENNIS TO-DAY

"No very exciting encounters are expected in the 'C' Division Lawn Tennis League to-day, the more powerful teams being matched against the weaker members of the league.

The Chinese Recreation Club, who entertain the Bowling Green, should have an easy victory over their Kowloon opponents, who have, to date, only one victory in five encounters.

The Civil Service Cricket Club, who meet the Kowloon Cricket Club, at home are not expected to win.

The German Club, if anything, should have a slight advantage over the Radio Sports Club, whom they visit. Neither of these Clubs have yet won a match.

Another fairly close encounter should be seen between the Kowloon Docks R. C. and the University, at Pokfulam, although, the home team in this instance should have the advantage.

A good contest should take place at Sookunpo, where the Indian Recreation Club will play the Central British Association.

At Happy Valley the South China A.A., who are one of the strongest "C" Division teams, are expected to rout the Police. It is hardly likely that the Police will win a set.

To-day's Matches

Civil Service	v	Kowloon C.C.
Radio	v	German Club
Army	v	Recreio
University	v	Kowloon Docks
Indians	v	Central British
Police	v	South China
Chinese	v	K. B. G. C.

"C" Division League Table To Date

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.
C.R.C.	8	8	0	0	65½	6½	16
C.C.C.	7	7	0	0	46½	14½	14
C.B.A.	9	6	3	0	48	33	12
K.C.C.	6	5	1	0	33½	22½	10
Recreio	5	4	1	0	34½	19½	8
S. China	4	4	0	0	33½	12½	8
I.R.C.	5	3	2	0	22½	22½	6
University	5	2	3	0	17	28	4
C.S.C.G.	7	2	5	0	27½	35½	4
Army	5	2	3	0	22	23	4
K.B.G.C.	5	1	4	0	16	29	2
K.D.R.C.	4	0	4	0	7½	28½	0
Deutscher	5	0	5	0	11½	38½	0
Police	5	0	5	0	3½	41½	0
Radio	8	0	8	0	8½	63½	0

China Mail Sports Diary

TO-DAY

Lawn Tennis—"C" Division.
Civil Service v. Kowloon C. C.
Radio Sports v. Deutscher Klub.
Army T. C. v. Club de Recreio.
University v. Kowloon Docks.
Chinese R. C. v. Kowloon B.G.C.
Indian R. C. v. Central British.
Police R. C. v. South China.

TO-MORROW

Lawn Tennis—"A" Division.
Chinese "A" v. South China.
Club de Recreio v. Indian R. C.
Kowloon C. C. v. Craigen-gower.
Hong Kong C. C. v. Chinese "B".
U. S. R. C. v. Chinese "C".

Meetings.
Council Meeting Hong Kong Hockey Association (St. Andrew's Church Hall), 5.30 p.m.

SWIMMING HINTS

SECOND PART OF CRAWL

(By S. G. Hedges)

The arms work alternately, one reaching forward through the air, while the other drives back through the water.

Stand breast deep to practice bending forward until the shoulders are at the surface. The arms leave the water by the thigh. First the hand turns palm downward, next the forearm swings round semi-circularly, just clearing the surface; then the whole arm swings forward to full extension.

Here, in front of the head, it dips and drives back beneath the body and straight. The elbow bends as the



Fresh from his triumph in the British national amateur championships in Scotland, W. Lawson Little, of San Francisco, is greeted by Johnny Goodman (left) on his arrival at the Merion Golf Club course, Ardmore, Pa., to participate in the American National Open won this year by Paul Runyan.

AUSTRALIANS AMUSED AT ENGLISH "BARRACKING"

BRADMAN CHUCKLES OVER COMMONS DRINK DEBATE

(By TOM CLARKE)

Manchester, June 3. "SYDNEY weather again," said the Australian cricketers as they drew their blinds at the Midland Hotel this morning.

The warmth of the Manchester weather has been as pleasant to them as the warmth of their reception by the cricket-loving crowds of the North at Old Trafford yesterday.

"It's the nicest day we've had on the tour," several of them agreed after close of play.

TO-DAY the team split up into parties.

Some went golfing at Bramhall; others went on motor-car explorations; there was also a party at Sir E. Stockton's place.

They spent yesterday evening quietly in Manchester.

A small party, including Woodfull and Kippax, enjoyed a night at the cinema seeing "Little Women," others watched the dancing at the Midland Hotel.

"Bowl Underhands." ALL members of the team were amused by the mild and good-humoured "barracking" from the vast crowd during the slow spell yesterday afternoon when McCabe and Kippax were going carefully after Baxter had given the visitors a shock.

Such jocular cries as these were heard:

"Fetch Bradman."
"Send for Larwood."
"This is like English cricket. Show us some Australian."
"Come out of your shells."
"Bowl 'em underhands."
"If the 'barracking'—the first of the tour—remains as good-tempered as this it will disturb no one.

NO fewer than seven of the regulars to England are in the Australian side at Old Trafford.

The eightfold O'Reilly, who has remained in London.

The seven, with their ages, are: Brown, 21; Bromley, 21; Darling, 24; Chipperfield, 27; Barnett, 26; Ebeling, 29; and Fleetwood-Smith, 24.

The team has been described as a combination of experience and youth, and certainly at Old Trafford youth is being given its fling.

Brown and Bromley are the two "babies"—the inseparables of the side. They are keen as mustard and bursting with energy. They are up early in the morning practising cricket strokes in their bedrooms.

The English Cheer Best

McCABE, who treated us to a workmanlike achievement of his fourth century of the tour, is, of course, only 23, but is not a newcomer.

When the crowd rose as one to cheer him as he returned to the pavilion with 142 to his credit, an Australian near me remarked, "People up here are more demonstrative. It does one's heart good to hear a cheer like that."

"Ben" Barnett's "whacko," as the Australians say, for the 52 runs he scored before close of play, justify the Australian selectors' belief in him as a likely run-getter as well as understudy to Oldfield behind the wickets.

AN interesting point about Fleetwood-Smith, the orthodox slow bowler, who will be seen at Old Trafford to-morrow, is that as a lad he used to bowl right-handed.

After an illness he changed to a left-hander.

Ebeling, another newcomer, is a medium fast right-hand bowler, who has been out of first-class cricket since 1923 until now for business reasons.

"Don" Forgets Cricket

THERE was naturally some disappointment at the non-appearance in the side at Old Trafford of "Don" Bradman and Ponsford.

But Ponsford's leg was troubling him, and Bradman's rest had been tentatively arranged some days before.

"Don" has gone to stay with some northern friends and to forget all about cricket till next Friday, when there is before him the stern business of the first Test match at

COLOMBO'S SURPRISE DEFEAT AT ASCOT

Johnstone Relies Too Much On Home Straight

FLAMENCO UPSETS PUNTERS

London, June 18. "Then came the thunderbolt of the day—a real old-fashioned Ascot surprise when a presumed certainty, on which odds are freely bet, gets beaten" writes Hotspur from Ascot. Colombo, at 5 to 1 on, failed by half a length to beat Lord Rosebery's Flamenco for the valuable St. James's Palace Stakes.

The one that was seriously expected to represent most danger to Colombo, Lord Astor's Law Maker, never came into the argument.

Colombo possibly jumped off slightly better than Flamenco, but they had not gone a furlong before he was four or five lengths behind Lord Rosebery's colt. Johnstone must have intentionally eased his colt, no doubt expecting to challenge and win in the straight. Colombo's trainer has always told me that the horse prefers to run his own race. We must assume in this case that Johnstone was riding to orders.

Flamenco proceeded to show the way and, instead of being kept close to the rails after making the bend into the straight, Harry Wragg deliberately chose to come wide up the middle of the course. Even so, he was able to win.

Now the jockey obviously had come to the conclusion that the going was more favourable in the middle of the course than next the rails. One was reminded of what he did when, at Sandown Park, he won the Eclipse Stakes on Miracle for Lord Rosebery by coming right over on to the unwatered ground.

Colombo maintained the chase next the rails, to be beaten by half a length. On the face of it the form looks fairly right if we remember that Windsor Lad beat Flamenco by a length for the Newmarket Stakes. And yet Flamenco did not give Windsor Lad a lot of start in that race.

The point is that ninety-nine people out of a hundred thought Colombo sure to win. Hence the long odds laid on, and I am assured that they were laid to big amounts, which means that disaster came to such backers.

I know that Harry Wragg had in the afternoon to experiment in the matter of the going. He had mentioned his intention to me, though he said he wanted to find out more about it in the races he was going to ride in. I hesitate to say that Colombo has had enough of racing for the time being.

Some critics will be sure on the point and will never have a good word for him again. If they are right, then there is an explanation of this failure. I cannot subscribe to the view at the moment, though admitting its possibility.

FAMOUS BRITISH RUNNER DEAD.

A. B. George Holder Of 12 Championships.

Mr. Alfred Barnett George, winner of twelve athletic championships in America, Canada, and England, has died at his Bournemouth home at the age of 66.

As a Spartan Harrier in England, and as a member of the Manhattan A.C. and the New York 7th Regiment in America, he was known everywhere as a keen sportsman. He was also a proficient golfer, member of the Queen's Park club at Bournemouth, and an enthusiastic angler.

AMERICA'S CUP

(Continued From Page 1)

Consequently, 14 of the crew of 22 left the yacht. The captain, mate, and officers remain loyal to Mr. Sopwith. — Reuter.

Torrey, England, July 9. The yacht Endeavour, in her final trials before the voyage to the Newport, R. I., to challenge for the famous America's Cup, defeated W. L. Stephenson's Velsheda by two minutes here to-day over a 10-mile windward and leeward course.

The trials began on June 22 and the challenger, owned by Tom Sopwith and especially constructed in an attempt to win the trophy for which the late Sir Thomas Lipton sought so many years in vain, is declared to have lived up to expectations. — Associated Press.

SCHOFIELD WINS KING'S CUP

Schneider Cup Pilot The Favourite.

TEN COMPETE IN FINAL

London, Yesterday.

Flight Lieut. H. M. Schofield, the favourite and British Schneider Cup pilot, won the King's Cup air race with a Mono-Spar. Thomas Rose, flying a Miles Hawk was second, and L. Lipton, in a D. H. Moth was third.

Ten competed in the final, which consisted of six circuits round a triangular course outside Hatfield the sides of which being only eight miles long.—Reuter.

LOCAL CYCLING RECORDS

Attempts Being Made Next Month.

READ AND COLE MOST LIKELY CONTENDERS

The week-end spin of the Hong Kong Cycling Club again proved that the Club is already well established on the highway of success by the maintenance of the improved attendance on the Castle Peak trip under Mr. Charles Read, while, led by Mr. H. A. G. Keates, another party of riders comprised of military cyclists who were unable to be present on the scheduled run, spent the cooler hours of the evening in a spin to Deep Water Bay where a considerable time was made use of in bathing before the party decided to return. Victoria was reached at 9 p.m.

Next Sunday's Run

Next Sunday it had been the intention to visit Tai-po, via Smugglers Pass, Pineapple Pass, the Shing Mun Valley and Lead Mine Pass. In view of the increasing number of new members attending the weekly spins, however, this run has been postponed till later in August in favour of a repetition of last week's venue. The route to Castle Peak Bay on this occasion, however, will include the two former passes and the Shing Mun Valley, from which point a return to the coastal road will be made at Tsun-wan. Mr. H. A. G. Keates has arranged to conduct this spin, which promises to be of great interest. The party will leave the Kowloon Vehicular Ferry at 9.15 a.m. and return to Shamshui at approximately 7 p.m. Bathing equipment and refreshments should be carried.

Several members of the Club have recently made exhaustive inquiries relative to attempts on records over the shorter road-race distances, and it is probable that in the course of the next month the Club will have its first records established up to distances of at least 25 miles. The most likely of the present candidates appear to be Mr. C. Read and Mr. J. Cole. Their attempts will prove of intense interest in view of the arduous nature of the local roads.

Holiday Launch Picnic

Very few tickets remain for the First Launch Picnic of the Hong Kong Cycling Club, and those intending to participate should communicate at once with either Mr. G. Read, No. 7 Fuk Wing Street, Shamshui, or Mr. H. A. G. Keates, Wellington Barracks (R.A.S.C.), Victoria. The launch is due to leave Yau-mat Ferry at 10.30 a.m. and will arrive at the Victoria Harbour at 1.15 p.m. The trip will conclude at 8 p.m. Refreshments are being arranged by the Club.

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DIZZY DEAN'S DAY OUT IN BASEBALL

Double Success For
Cardinals.

BRAVES HELD BY PIRATES

New York, To-day.

Dizzy Dean scored a personal triumph in the major league American baseball yesterday by shutting out the Brooklyn Dodgers for nine innings and hitting a circuit clout, giving the St. Louis Cardinals the first leg of their double-header by a 2 to 0 tally. The Cardinals took the second game by a margin of 3 to 1, in spite of homers by Boyle and Koenecke.

Hoyt blanked Boston Braves for nine innings to give the Pittsburgh Pirates the first leg of their double-header by 5 to 0. Brandt, of the Braves, however, reversed matters in the second game by fanning the Pirates for a nil score, giving the Braves the game by 4 to 0.

Results, as cabled by Reuter, were:

National League

	R.	H.	E.
Chicago	3	10	0
New York	5	12	0

St. Louis	6	6	1
Medwick hit two homers.			
Brooklyn	3	9	0
Boyle and Koenecke hit homers.			

St. Louis	2	7	0
Dizzy Dean hit a homer.			
Brooklyn	0	4	0
Dizzy Dean pitched.			

Pittsburgh	0	3	2
Brandt pitched.			
Boston	4	1	0
Lee hit a homer.			

Pittsburgh	5	12	0
Hoyt pitched.			
Boston	0	1	0

Cincinnati	1	8	3
Bottomley hit a homer.			
Philadelphia	9	12	0
J. Moore hit a homer.			

Washington	8	11	1
Manush hit a homer.			
Cleveland	10	17	0
Trosky and Averill hit homers.			

Washington	8	10	0
Cleveland	10	18	2
Hale hit a homer.			

Boston	12	17	1
Wall Berger hit a homer.			
St. Louis	8	15	4

Boston	3	12	3
St. Louis	9	10	3

Philadelphia	11	12	1
Johnson and Higgins hit homers.			
Chicago	7	8	1

Philadelphia	10	16	3
McNair hit a homer.			
Chicago	5	13	3
New York	3	10	2
Crossett hit a homer.			
Detroit	12	20	1
Goslin hit a homer.			

FOUR MINUTE MILE IN SIGHT.

Glen Cunningham Mark
Coming Down.

The special mile invitation race, on that amazingly fast track at Princeton, resulted in two more wonderful records being made in the United States writes Geoffrey Simpson.

Glen Cunningham's 4 min. 6.710 sec. for the mile beat J. E. Lovelock's time by nearly a second, and was another step towards the 4-minute level, which seems sure to be reached in the next few years.

Ben Eastman, on the same afternoon, did 1 min. 49.4-sec. for the half-mile, the same time, incidentally, that Tom Hampson did for 800 metres, which is just over five yards less distance. In other words, Eastman must have covered 800 metres in 1 min. 49 sec. Eastman was out in for the 400 instead of the 800 metres in the Olympic Games, and I feel sure he must have regretted that decision ever since.



Alma Mamay (above), former Ziegfeld Follies girl, won \$150,000 when Windsor Lad (inset) romped to victory in the Derby, at Epsom Downs. She held the winning ticket in the Irish Horsepital's Sweepstakes, in which more than 500,000 Americans were participants, it is estimated.

FLAT-CHESTED CYCLISTS

LOW HANDLEBARS PRODUCE
EVIL EFFECTS

BEST GEAR FOR HEAVY MEN.

IN view of the increasing popularity of the Hong Kong Cycling Club the following article by F. A. Hornibrook will be of interest to local pedal-pushers.

It has been calculated that there are over seven million cyclists in the United Kingdom, and that this number is being added to at a considerable rate every month.

Never in the history of England has cycling been so popular as it is to-day; and it would open the eyes of many Londoners if they were to take a trip to Lancashire, and see the vast numbers of cyclists on the roads at weekends and on holidays.

In this article I am not concerned with the training or preparation of the racing cyclist, who, as a general rule finds out what is best for himself in the long run.

VEKED QUESTION

I am dealing rather with the many thousands of men and women who have taken up cycling as a form of health exercise. First, let us take the vexed question of the big versus the small gear. Many men who are real authorities now say that the comparatively small gear is better all round; but that is a matter of opinion. Considered opinion should be based, I suggest, on the man's physique.

Personally, I think the three-speed gear is best, and that a fairly large gear will be found advisable for men of 12-stone weight who have strong, heavy legs. Such men find that the rapid revolutions of the lower gears are most exhausting. The lighter type of man naturally does not find this so. Lower gears are, of course, necessary for hills, even for the heavy man.

On the question of handlebars there is also much difference of opinion. Except for racing purposes, or for long touring trips, where very considerable distances are covered in the day, low handlebars are, I believe not advisable at all.

Certainly, for cyclists who ride leisurely about thirty or forty miles a day, they are absolutely unnecessary and undesirable. If, when using the low handlebars, the cyclist bends from his joints instead of from his shoulders (as so many do), of course the bad effects of constant stoop are mitigated.

But to ride, as numerous cyclists do, with their hands low down, their backs humped like a camel, and their heads popping out like a tortoise, certainly tends to develop round shoulders and flat chest; two very undesirable physical characteristics.

When cycling on the Continent, especially in Belgium and France, it will often be found advisable to change the saddle for one with stronger springs.

HEAVY SADDLE SPRINGS. Many of the French cobbler roads are apt to strain, and even to snap, the ordinary English springs of the saddle. The cyclists of those countries use extremely strong, heavy saddle springs.

The Britisher who has not toured on the Continent does not realise what wonderful roads we have almost everywhere in England compared with many of the roads in Europe. Holland is quite an exception.

In Holland the cyclist is better catered for than anywhere else. In a population of about 8,000,000 there are over 2,000,000 cyclists, and special tracks are provided for them, where the cyclist can ride in comfort and safety and quietude.

One of the great advantages of the cycle tour is that it combines cycling and walking, for one does not remain seated on the bicycle all the time.

Another great point is that 25 or 30 lbs. of baggage can easily be carried on a bicycle, whereas 12 lbs. on a man's back becomes very irksome when he is walking. The bicycle also supports the body weight, and cycling is thus a very easy means of transport.

CHILL DANGER

Another advantage of cycling with a companion or with a party of friends is that there are times when one likes to be alone, and a little spurt on the machine quickly ensures this, whereas in walking the two companions, or the party, tend to keep together, and so perhaps at times are apt to get too much of each other's society on a longish holiday.

Finally, one can recommend the cyclist always to carry in his pack a good thick pullover as well as a cycle cape. Many a man who has gone on a cycling holiday for health, and has had the bad luck to strike a consistent north-easter, has contracted such a thorough chill that the benefits of his holiday have been completely undone.

FRENCH LONG-DISTANCE BICYCLE RACE

Evian, July 7.
Neck-and-neck, LeGros and Spetcher pedalled in first in the fifth lap of the Tour de France, from Belfort to Evian. Caballani was third. Magne still holds first place in the general ranking, while LeGros is second and Martane third.—Havas.

WOOD KEY- MAN

TILDEN AND
RICHARDS ON
DAVIS CUP

"Big Bill" Not Too
Popular.

WHY AMERICA IS NOT
GOOD ENOUGH

(By GEOFFREY SIMPSON)

TILDEN has been telling the world that America's chance of winning the Davis Cup, in which they will meet Australia to decide who is to challenge England in the Final, is not worth two cents and America has been vastly annoyed.

They prefer to listen to Vincent Richards, the professional star, who is helping to train the team and who insists that Sidney Wood is good enough to beat any players from England, France, or Australia and who is the key man in the U.S.A. team.

IT is all a matter of psychology. Wood is good enough "if he thinks he is," says Richards. The trouble is that we have at least two men on this side who think the same, while Australia and France will make it a thinking affair.

Richards also tells us why Wood did not do well last year. It was because Wood had a lot on his mind, trying to hold down a brokerage position and train for the Davis Cup at the same time, while this year he has a clear mind, as he has got leave of absence from his firm, just to come to England and beat us up.

Somehow I think the wish is master to the thought on the part of Richards.

LITTLE'S DECISION. LAWSON Little, the American undergraduate, who won the British amateur golf championship, decided not to compete in the British Open, at Sandwich, although entered.

He said he could not afford the trip. Which effectively disposes of the fanciful stories written of his final match with James Wallace, the Scottish shipwright.

This was pictured as a struggle between a wealthy American student and a poor British working man.

Lawson Little must have got a lot of fun out of this, because the truth is that when he finishes his studies at Stanford University he will be no better off financially than Wallace.

VIEW OF GARNETT

PROBABLY he will be worse off. Wallace has secured a good appointment as a club professional as a result of his fine play in the amateur event.

I am interested in his view of Leslie Garnett, of Addington. Little defeated the Surrey youth in the semi-final of the amateur championship. He says "Garnett is England's most promising golfer and we shall hear big things of him soon."

MAKING IT SNAPPY

FRENCH lawn tennis spectators are getting tired of marathon games. "Why not have the ball on elastic?" is the hearty cry of one writer after he had seen M. Slem playing against Jack Crawford.

So someone has conceived the bright idea of having a time limit for five-set matches. I believe the brain wave has come from a well-known player who says that in most other sporting events a limit is imposed either of time or distance.

Some cyclists at Harne Hill recently are reported to have got over the distance limit all right by pedalling backwards at the start of a sprint race!

That is called jockeying for position. I should say that lawn tennis players would not find it difficult to invent something to kill a time-limit rule.

HARRY YOUNG

I was extremely sorry to read of the death of Harry Young. No one had a greater knowledge of the game of billiards during the last half century than he. For forty years he had been right in

BREWS AND PADGHAM BEAT KIRKWOOD AND SARAZEN

Best Ball Alone Counts
In 36 Holes Match

Leeds, Yesterday.

J. Brews, South African champion, and Alfred Padgham, who finished behind Brews in No. 3 position in the British Open Golf Championship, beat Joe Kirkwood, American trick golfer, and Gene Sarazen, American holder of the British and U. S. Open titles in 1932, by 7 and 5 over 36 holes yesterday in a match in which the best ball counted.—Reuter.

PORTUGUESE HEAVY WEIGHT KNOCKED OUT

CAMPOLO WINS IN
DUEL OF GIANTS.

THIRD ROUND ENDING

Rio De Janeiro, July 7.
In a battle of the giants here to-night, Victorio Campolo of Argentina knocked out Jesse Santa of Portugal in the third round of a scheduled 10-round bout.

The pair struggled fiercely from the first round until the third when the Argentine behemoth unleashed a haymaker and sent the towering Santa to the canvas for good.

The fight was the first between the two. Both had fought and lost by a knockout to Primo Carneri of Italy, former world's heavy-weight champion.

Santa, who stands 6 feet 9 inches, has met many of the best in the heavy-weight division. His fighting spirit soared following a technical knockout victory over Jim Maloney early last year.

He has fought such good fighters as Knute Hansen, Salvatore Ruggerillo, Hans Birkle, Roberto Roberti, Tom Heeney, Carnera and Ricardo Bertazzolo. Heeney was the same fighter who unsuccessfully fought Gene Tunney for the championship.

Campolo, on the other hand, has matched skill against such fighters as Phil Scott, Johnny Risko, Tommy Loughran, the late Ernie Schaaf and Carnera.—United Press.

LONDON SOCCER CUP DRAW

Arsenal At Home To
Clapton Orient.

The challenge cup committee of the London F.A. have made the draw for the first round as follows:

West Ham United v. Nunhead.
Dulwich Hamlet v. Charlton Athletic.

Fulham v. Crystal Palace.
Arsenal v. Clapton Orient.
Clapton v. Leyton.

Fulham v. Crystal Palace.
Tottenham Hotspurs v. Brentford.

Millwall v. Queen's Park Rangers.
Wimbledon v. Chelsea.

Ties to be played on October 8.

PLYMOUTH TO HAVE LESLIE AGAIN.

Injured Captain
Re-signs.

J. Leslie, the former Plymouth Argyle F.C. captain, who has been unable to play since last October, when in a match with Bradford he sustained a serious eye injury, hopes to resume playing next season.

It was feared that he would be permanently incapacitated, but in view of the optimistic report by the specialist who has been attending him, he was re-signed yesterday.

the centre of its administrative and playing sides. He knew all the professionals and the best amateurs personally and he could talk of the game and its players fluently and interestingly for hours.

His death at the age of 65 has followed a long illness which made him look physically much older than his years. But his mind retained its youthfulness and cheerfulness.

LITERARY NOTES

KING MANUEL'S BOOKS

Treasurers On View In London.

FUTURE DEPARTURE FOR PORTUGAL

A most dutiful tribute has been paid to that king of erudite book-lovers, the late Dom Manuel II. of Portugal. At the Maggs Gallery, London, the Portuguese Ambassador recently opened the exhibition of many of the literary treasures belonging to King Manuel when he lived at Fulwell Park, and stayed on throughout the day to receive the privileged visitors.

The books will eventually go to their Portuguese home at Villa Vicosa, according to Dom Manuel's wishes piously observed by Queen Augusta Victoria and Queen Amelia.

The abnormal industry and knowledge displayed by the late King in cataloguing his beloved books will be recalled by a striking exhibit of a couple of pages of his own Portuguese manuscript with the corresponding proofs and the corrections in his own hand.

12 Hours' Work A Day.

He often worked twelve hours a day on his devoted task, and was indeed entitled to write at the end of his labours on the second volume "We have undertaken this with only one aim—to serve our country."

Although he had written thousands of words (the original manuscripts and proofs fill many chests in the cellars of Coutts's Bank), it was his brave intention to complete his self-imposed duty in a third volume, but, on the day after he had signed the forty-five specially printed volumes of which King George's was number one, he died. To his faithful and accomplished librarian, Miss Margery Withers (to whom he had paid the highest tribute) was assigned the labour of finishing the catalogue and the third volume will shortly be issued.

Dom Manuel, like Pliny, sought and found real solace and enjoyment in his books, and knew them from end to end. As Miss Withers remarked to me: "He could quote the longest passages from the more interesting works. His memory was literally prodigious."

The Cannibals' Excuse.

He delighted in the quaint letters sent by the early Portuguese Jesuit missionaries, and was especially fond of the story of the interruption by one of them of the arrangements for a cannibal feast. The savages quite agreed with the father that the lapse was heinous; at the same time they submitted that, as great disappointment would be caused by suspending the affair, they ought, out of consideration for their eager guests, to proceed—and did.

King Manuel never wearied of reading his precious books of travel and adventure, especially his first edition of Marco Polo, 1502, with its superb wood-cut of Vasco da Gama. Galcon, and he would spend hours in perusing the five books of his predecessor Manuel I's ordinances, issued in 1514. Another favourite was an early directory of Lisbon (1554) giving detailed information of the various callings such as those of women who perfumed gloves or taught dancing.

And he valued greatly his precious Ferrara, 1553, issued of Usque's History of the Jews, which he numbered "among the rare," and he wrote a comprehensive article upon it, filling 79 pages his able catalogue.

But of writing about Dom Manuel's books there would be no end. Suffice it to state that, on the testimony of Miss Withers, the king's most beloved book was that book of devotion, "Booseo Deleitosa," Lisbon, 1515, in the original Mozarabic binding. This beautiful story of the wanderings of a pilgrim through a wood of delight was originally written for the saintly Queen Leonor, consort of John II., and, in reading it, Dom Manuel, the late king, found it "full of sincerity, charm, poetry, and faith."



Paris—A touching scene inside the famous Basilica of the Sacred Heart, at Montmartre, after hundreds of sick and suffering of the city of Paris had been carried on stretchers to attend Mass, some of them are shown receiving Holy Communion, during the special rites.

\$2,000 PAID FOR SIGNATURE

Terry Library Sale In New York.

CAXTON FIRST EDITION

The two days' sale of the first portion of the private library of the late Reverend Doctor Rodrick Terry, the well-known antiquarian and historian, of Newport, Rhode Island, was concluded at the American Art Association Galleries for a total of 167,876 dollars.

The highest price, 10,000 dollars (\$2,020 at par), was given by the Rosenbach Company for a two-page document signed by Button Gwinnett, one of the signatories of the American Declaration of Independence. This signature was appended to the last will and testament of Joseph Stanley and is dated "Savannah, May 29, 1770." In 1926 in the Manning sale, New York, this brought as much as 22,500 dollars.

Other purchases by the Rosenbach Company included one of the largest known copies of the first edition of the "Chronicles of England" printed by William Caxton in 1480, which cost 5,600 dollars; 24 leaves, representing practically the whole of the "Bank of Genesis" taken from the "Cutenberg Bible," published between 1450 and 1455, 5,100 dollars; a second edition of Caxton's "The Myrrour of the World" (1490) one of thirteen known copies 4,900 dollars; and a first edition of Caesar's Commentaries printed in 1469 by Sweynheym and Pannartz, the first press established in Rome, 3,300 dollars.

Gray's "Elegy"

Mr. Gabriel Wells gave 4,900 dollars for a 15th Century French illuminated Pontifical executed for Francois Count of Foix and Bishop of Andorra; 3,500 dollars for the rare first edition of Gray's "Elegy" published in 1751 at sixpence, 2,750 dollars for the first illustrated edition of Dante's "La Divina Commedia," 1481, with full set of nineteen plates designed by Botticelli; 2,000 dollars for the first Kilmarnock edition of Burns's "Poems," 1786; and 2,250 dollars for Volume 1 of the first dated Bible printed on vellum and issued at Mainz in 1462.

Among other notable lots were: A first edition of Cicero's "De Rhetorica," one of six known copies printed on vellum by Nicholas Jenson at Venice in 1470, which sold for 4,000 dollars (P. Brooks); the first edition of Eliot's "Indian Bible," 1663, the first complete Bible printed in America, 3,800 dollars (E. H. Wells); Hakluyt's "Divers Voyages touching the Discoverie of America," 1582, 2,600 dollars (C. Dietrich); a copy of Shelley's "Alastor," 1816, inscribed by the author to the "Editors of the Critical Review," 3,000 dollars; a first edition of Charles Lamb's "Tales from Shakespeare," uncut and in original boards, 1807, 3,000 dollars (both Water Hill); and a long autographed letter by Roger Williams, dated "Providence 25.6.1658," giving a description of the purchase of Rhode Island, 3,000 dollars (T. Madigan).

"THE TALISMAN" MS. IN MOSCOW

Discovered In State Historical Museum.

RIDDLE OF ITS HISTORY

The discovery of Sir Walter Scott's manuscript of "The Talisman" among the uncatalogued manuscripts of the State Historical Museum at Moscow has puzzled even the Soviet officials.

Dr. J. M. Bulloch, in the Glasgow "Daily Record," which has investigated the discovery, gives a history of the manuscript so far as it is known from the date of the novel's publication in 1825. He writes:

"The Talisman" forms part of the 'Tales of the Crusaders.' As Ballantyne, Scott's partner, had predicted, its brightness dazzled the eye of the million when it appeared.

"Scott himself was not in the least interested in his manuscripts. In 1823 he gave thirteen to Constable, and these were sold in 1831. A second lot of 27 were sold by Constable's advocate son David in 1833 to his brother-in-law, Robert Cadell, with whom Scott continued publishing."

Cadell became a collector of Scott manuscripts, and the major part of his collection was sold in two batches at Christie's.

"The Talisman" was brought in at Christie's on July 9, 1868, though a Mr. Lauder may have bought it privately for £70 from the Cadell trustees after the sale. It was ultimately acquired by Count Vladimir Petrovich Orloff-Davidoff, who was at Edinburgh University from 1825, when "The Talisman" was published, to 1828, taking his degree of M.A. in January, 1828.

"The count was a distinguished savant and a great collector of precious manuscripts, many of which he presented to public institutions. Nothing more is known of the history of the manuscript, but Dr. Bulloch pays tribute to the care taken by the Soviet authorities of their literary treasures."

A CRIMINAL ASS.

Writer's Lapse With "Master Mind."

Calling All Cars, by Henry Holt (Collins, 7s. 6d.), has some good moments, but the construction is poor, and one cannot believe that a master criminal such as The Shadow is represented to be would have made such a complete ass of himself by committing at least one absolutely unnecessary murder. It was a pity to have used so good a title and made so little use of it.

KING EDWARD AT MARIENBAD

The private life of Edward VII. at Marienbad is described by Herr Sigmund Murr in a book which Hutchinson promises for the autumn. Other English celebrities who visited the famous Austrian spa, and who also came into the narrative, include Mr. Lloyd George, Sir Edward Grey, Lord Haldane, and King Edward's old friend, Sir Ernest Cassel.

CONQUERING THE KYBER

Engineering Venture Described.

BATTLE AND MURDER

Permanent Way through the Kyber. By Victor Bayley. (Jarrolds, 18s.)

Great difficulties were encountered by the engineers who built the Kyber railway in 1920-25, not least of which was the fact that the whole of the Kyber Pass lay in tribal territory, outside British jurisdiction. So the tribesmen, mainly Pathans, had to be induced to agree to the plan. At first they were dead against it, but when all seemed hopeless Mr. Bayley had an inspiration, or as he puts it, "some imp of mischief" prompted him to a final fantastic argument.

"But, Subedar Sahib, this will be no ordinary railway. The gradient will be steep and the trains will travel slowly. They will be carrying rich merchandise and will pass close to your doors. The Sultan Khel are notorious robbers and raiders. Think of the opportunities for looting the trains, and I grin at them."

Paris. M. Gabriel Bernard, the popular novelist and playwright, recently met a death in Paris as strange as any that he had ever imagined in his works of fiction. He was, in fact, killed by fright.

A hawker returning homeward along the rue Montmartre shortly before midnight, saw M. Bernard, who was 59 years old, approaching him, and decided to give him a fright by pretending to be a robber.

To this end he seized a brush from a can of red paint which was standing near the pavement, and, stepping out of the shadows, brandished this in the face of the astonished writer. When M. Bernard realised that he had simply been made the victim of a joke, he called the police and demanded that the "joker" should be taught more correct behaviour.

The author was still protesting to the police when he was seized with a fainting fit and died on his way to hospital. The shock of the slam "hold up" had proved too much for him.

M. Bernard was very well known as a writer of exciting detective stories, and also as a well-informed and discerning musical critic. One of his books was a study of Wagner in his "Parsifal."

In addition to detective stories and plays for the Grand Guignol, M. Bernard had written the libretto of several light operas.

NAZI THRILLER.

Recommended By Book Society.

The Talking Sparrow Murders, by Darwin L. Tallhet (Gollancz, 7s. 6d.), is an exciting story of life in Germany just after the Nazis came into power.

Moreover except for a few cheap wisecracks, it is well written, and every character comes to life. The construction, development, and final surprise are carried through with accomplishment. Yet although a great deal of the excitement of the story depends on dates, the author with all his accomplishment makes one bad howler. He will find it in Page 37, and as one would think "The Talking Sparrow Murders" will soon want reprinting he may care to correct it.

This novel thoroughly deserves the recommendation of the Book Society. It has some of the quality of a good Vicky Baum.

NEW BIOGRAPHY OF CROMWELL.

September Publication.

September the third was a vital day in the life of Oliver Cromwell, for it dated the battles of Dunbar and Worcester, and his own death. In tribute, it is being made the publication date for Mr. John Buchan's new biography of the Protector. About the same time Hodder and Stoughton will also publish Mr. Hugh Rutledge's "Everest, 1958."

TRANSLATIONS BY GANDHI.

Volume Of Indian Lyrical Hymns.

While he was in prison at Poona in 1930 Mahatma Gandhi whiled away the time by making English translations of ancient Indian lyrical hymns. He thus came to shape, what in effect is an anthology of Indian devotional and mystical literature. It is being published, under the editorship of Mr. John S. Hoyland, by Allon and Unwin as "Songs in Prison."

tonishment for a moment. Then he lay back and laughed. He translated into Pushtu and wiped his eyes. The tribesmen broke into a roar.

So for the moment the fight was won by a touch of grim humour, but there remained a terrific contest with natural conditions. There was elaborate and dangerous tunnelling to be done, violent storms to be faced, and all the time "the haunting fear of attack on our works by raiders out for loot, or by an enemy at blood feud with the contractors."

Mr. Bayley tells the story of his big engineering adventure—not unaccompanied by battle, murder and sudden death—with a graphic enthusiasm that is all the more absorbing for its very human appreciation of the lighter side of things.

RARE COLLECTION OF BOOKS

An American's Gift To Keats Museum.

An American, whose last wish that his gift should remain anonymous, has sent to the Keats House and Museum, London, a rare collection of books by and about Keats.

Mr. Fred Edgecombe, the curator at Hampstead, told a Press representative on Saturday that there were 240 volumes in the collection. In October he received a letter from the friend of the American, he said, to the effect that the gift was to be expected. Later the friend wrote that the American was dying and did not want his beloved books to leave his room until he was dead.

The collection includes some very rare association copies—copies of books which are signed by the author. There are also three original portraits of Keats and many photographs referring to his family, especially the American side.

NATIONAL DEFENCE IN BRITAIN

Sir Norman Angell, who wrote "The Great Illusion," has a new book appearing with Hamish Hamilton, "The Menace to Our National Defence." He argues that since all nations put defence above peace there can be no real stability of order until the problem of national defence generally is solved.

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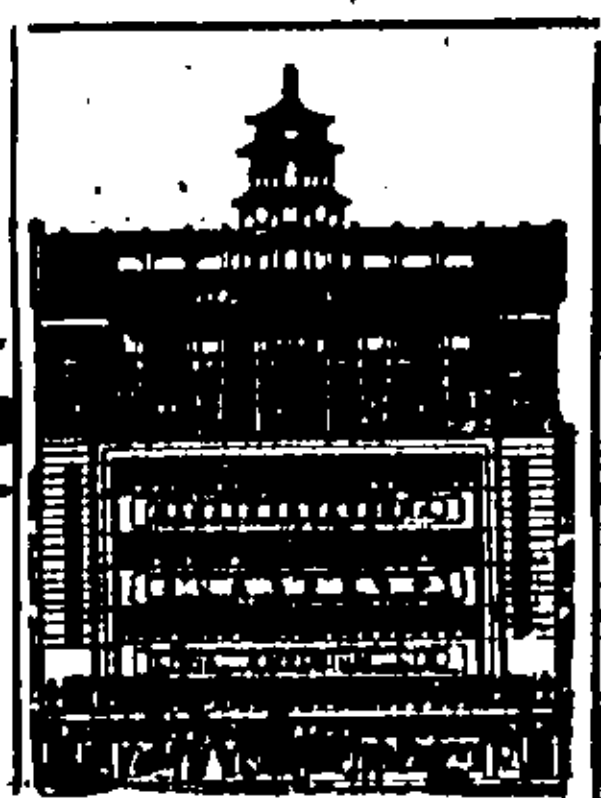
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The Cinema And The Child.

A subject which periodically agitates parents is the nature of the films witnessed by children. Children form a considerable section of the picture-going public, and yet for them, it is asserted, there is not, never has been, and apparently will not be, any special provision. Individual items are of course supplied, and such familiar figures of the new nursery lore as "Mickey the Mouse" and the "Silly Symphony" satisfy the child demand for entertainment in a harmless and even stimulating way. But all too often animated talking cartoons or juvenile comedies are mingled with the most sophisticated of grown-up fare, and since the young have no monopoly of what delights them, it would seem, indeed, that adults are considered all the time. The adventure film that thrills mature and youthful alike is rarely furnished in its straight-forward form without other suggestions and extraneous attractions. Apparently the makers of films see no distinction justifying separate treatment between the patrons of cinemas, and aim to please all at once by a mixture of elements severally appealing to various mentalities. The position is not so bad as it might be, however, since the theatres are unable for obvious reasons to discriminate, but they could screen matinee programmes comprising serials of the old stamp (only to be borne by children) and other pictures with a definite junior appeal, even if this is vitiated by qualities and situations which evidently are expected to be overlooked. But the fact remains that there is no continuous supply and retailing of films for children, when programmes could be specially adapted and designed, and a careful selection of material made. Many have emphasised the educational value of the cinema, and here, surely, is an opportunity for the educational authorities to combine with the exhibitors, and arrange to have the children brought regularly for programmes which would be interesting and at the same time instructive.

The whole question is, from its nature, a moral one, and it is arguable that the modern child, exposed as he is on every hand to the full battery of influences from which in former times he was carefully shielded, can bear without detriment even the worst excesses of the talking films. Certainty could only be

established by observation and experiment—a difficult process, and likely to prove controversial even in its results. Some may say that the child becomes so hardened to the things he sees and hears that they have no effect upon him. Others fondly hope he does not understand, or, faintly perceiving, is not greatly perturbed. In any event, there must be a vulgarisation of the common life; such influences, whatever their ascendancy over the individual, must tend to lower the tone of a community. A continuous stream cannot pour across a surface without making some impression. Some of the consequences we have seen, and are seeing daily; notably the degradation of speech. Parents naturally hesitate to deprive their children of one of the most varied of modern pleasures, but one way to a remedy is at least in their hands. They can forbid attendance at the cinemas, or select those which offer the minimum of corruption—but who can tell beforehand? The solution seems to rest with the vision and public-spiritedness of someone of those responsible for the films we see.

Photogravure Stamps.

A new issue of the British stamps may excite emotion in the breasts of philatelists and may stir the interest of the artist. The average man will register little excitement. To him a stamp is nothing more than a convenience, the design and colour of which matter little so long as the stamp itself serves its useful purpose. Yet the announcement made recently by the Postmaster-General of London is, in one small matter, a revolution, for the new stamps are to be printed, not as of yore, from dies made at the Royal Mint, but by photogravure. Modern photography and the postage stamp were born within a year of one another. It has taken almost a century in Great Britain to wed the two inventions.

What other alterations are to be made are very slight. Modern invention has a limiting influence upon the size of stamps of small denomination, for change would involve costly alterations to the thousands of automatic machines that play their part in distribution. There is larger scope for the artist in the stamps of high value, but for everyday postal purposes the line of development was practically fixed by the designers of the now rare "penny black" of Queen Victoria's reign.

Fifty-five members of the local Canadian-returned Chinese and their friends spent a very enjoyable afternoon yesterday on a launch picnic to Silver Mine Bay.

HERE, THERE and EVERYWHERE

ENGLISH-SPEAKING CHAMPION

Sir Evelyn Wrench has secured for his English-Speaking Union the presidency of the Prince of Wales. This achievement will further advance the success of an organisation which Sir Evelyn has made his life work. Although many people disagree with some of the Union's objectives, most will recognise the immense energy and skill which he has put into it.

His Overseas League is another triumph of organisation. Sir Evelyn is getting on in years; he will be 52 this year. He is a first-rate talker—one of the best in London. He takes his fair share of the conversation, and he never bores his audience.

QUEER INVITATION

There is a curious story behind the announcement that Lord Kinnoull and Mr. Aneurin Bevan will tour the United States in order to raise funds for the relief of the victims of German Nazi persecution.

The tour is being chaperoned by Lord Marley's Anti-War League, but the invitation to Lord Kinnoull and to Mr. Bevan was made personally in the House of Commons by Countess Karolyi, who is interesting herself both in the fund and in the financing of the tour.

The Countess is the wife of Count Michael Karolyi, the first President of the Hungarian Republic.

She is only 36 and holds even more advanced views than her husband. In the United States she was known as "The Red Countess." Mr. Bevan has sailed for New York, but Lord Kinnoull changed his mind and stayed at home.

Your Daily Smile!

In preparation for their annual camp, I read, the boys of a certain school are already busy splitting firewood. Breaking up for the holidays.

PASS THE SARDINES

It is pointed out that in our parents' young days every meal was opened with a prayer. Nowadays, of course, it is done with a tin-opener.

This Week's Advice

A correspondent wants to know what he shall give his dog, which insists on barking all night. Why not away?

We are warned that commodity prices are rising steadily. This simply means that you can now buy less with \$10 you have not got.

AS USUAL

We have to admire the philosophic spirit of the stockbroker who reported "No business—as usual."

A new publication is called the "Human Trypanosomiasis Research Report." But not very often.

MOURNFUL THOUGHT

A psychologist says that 78 per cent. of the things that happen in dreams are unpleasant. That is not so much better than being awake.

DEEP STUFF

A diver has written his autobiography. Yes, Mamie; barristers wear wigs in court to distinguish them from the prisoners.

Facts You Did Not Know

Two Austrians have constructed a tailless gliding plane, consisting of nothing but wings, the pilot occupying a cut out section of the upper surface.

Designed on the principle of the anemograph, a small electrically operated instrument has been invented to measure the vibrations of heavy machinery.

In Sumatra, where the air cools quickly at night and often becomes damp in a few minutes, straw thatched sheds have been found best for curing tobacco.

Construction is under way on the last link of a superpower transmission line that will carry electricity generated at Niagara Falls to help light New York.

PRECAUTION AGAINST AIR RAIDS

TOO MUCH SECRECY IN SAFETY MEASURES

WHERE BRITAIN ERRS

(By Brigadier-General P. R. C. Groves,
C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.)

THE continual deterioration of the European political situation is exemplified by the fiasco of the Disarmament Conference; by Italy's decision to spend an additional £33,000,000 on her Navy and Air Force in the next six years; by reports from various reliable sources showing the rapid progress of German rearmament; and by the adoption of a Bill providing for new air defence measures for Paris.

These indications of the trend of European events, following many others in the past year, emphasise once more the folly of your procrastination in regard to air defence—for it cannot be too often repeated that as sixth air Power we are in a position neither to mediate in Europe, nor to honour our commitments there, nor should we wish to repudiate them, effectively to defend our neutrality in the event of conflict.

The failure of our leaders fully to appreciate these truths is due to a conservative outlook which seems to preclude recognition of the sweeping changes which aviation has brought about in the linked spheres of defence and diplomacy. Unfortunately, this myopia is confined to Great Britain; it has no European parallel. Our decline from first to sixth air Power is not the only example; another, equally striking, is afforded by a comparison of the action taken in this country and on the Continent in regard to what the French term "passive defence." This connotes the measures taken for the safety of the population in the event of air attack.

In France the new Bill is but the most recent of such steps. The organisation of local protection was begun in 1931 under the supervision of Marshal Petain, who was appointed Inspector-General of Territorial Air Defence, a post which he held until he became War Minister under the present Government.

The general principles of such defence were laid down in a memorandum issued by the French Supreme War Council in November of the same year. The basic idea of this document, which has been circulated to all the civil authorities—prefets (chief administrators of departments), mayors, and other municipal officials—is that the responsibility for arranging for protection of this kind rests primarily with them. The Inspector-General's task is to advise and supervise, and to co-ordinate the passive defence measures with the active—that is, military—defence measures.

The net result of the action thus taken is that France now possesses a nation-wide system of passive defence, comprising 270 provincial organisations of which the membership totals 42,000. Each of these provincial "groups," as they are called, includes members of the Red Cross societies and of various patriotic leagues and associations, which work together under the supervision of the local civil authorities. There is no space to describe the multiple activities of these provincial organisations; briefly their efforts are devoted to:

"A." Measures for individual protection.
"B." Measures for collective protection.
Those under "A" are chiefly of an educational nature, and take the form of lectures, and pamphlets explaining aero-chemical warfare and telling the public what to do and what not to do in the event of an air raid.

Recent Tests Made.
"B" comprises every sort of municipal arrangement—those for the police, for fire brigades, for air-raid warnings, for the provision of bomb and gas-proof shelters, and for collecting and dealing with casualties. In several places there are, in addition, plans for the evacuation of civil populations to safety centres.

In recent years, when, in French air manoeuvres, cities such as Nancy, Lyons, and Toulon have been the objectives of attack, the local machinery for public safety has also been put to the test.

NULLAH OUTRAGE SUSPECT REMANDED

On the application of Sub-Inspector O'Donovan, one week's formal remand was granted by Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Central Magistrate's court this morning, in the case of Ng Luy-yuen, who was charged with the murder of Michael Pine, on June 22.

STONE-BREAKERS WARNED.

Recurrence Of Trouble Will Be Dangerous.

Ngai Sui, 30 years old, Ngai Sing, 84 years old, and Li Sim, 19 years old, all of whom are stone-breakers employed at the stone yard belonging to Messrs. Logan and Amps, To Kwa Wan, were brought up before Mr. E. I. Wynne Jones at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning on a charge of disorderly conduct.

Eight men charged on Thursday, and there are still some in hospital as the result of the stone-battle at the yard on July 11. The hearing is remanded till July 20.

Mr. Wynne Jones: "I saw a suggestion in the newspapers that there was a recurrence of the fight. Is that so?"

Prosecuting Sergeant: "Coolies turned up next morning armed with bamboo-poles, but the police were there to prevent trouble." Mr. Wynne Jones: "Tell the foreman at To Kwa Wan that if there are any more fights pending the hearing of this case I shall deal with them very severely."



Members of the Chun-shing Commercial Academy who received certificates at the graduation and prize-giving at Lane, Crawford's Restaurant on Saturday. Forty-one pupils received diplomas and prizes. (King's Studio).

NECESSITIES TO BE SUPPLIED TO POPULACE

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said that the platform men had voted to abide by Saturday's decision.

"WALK-OUT AUTOMATIC"

"This automatically means that the men will walk out," he declared.

The Alameda County labour bodies have approved the recommendations of the Alameda County Building Trades' Council. Fifteen thousand men in 28 unions, 25 of which have approved the recommendations of the Alameda Central Labour Council, and 32,000 men in 79 unions, 30 of which have already approved the recommendations, will walk out at 8 a.m. to-morrow.

The executive committee at San Francisco, when the Saturday meeting adjourned, emphasised that it had no intention of preventing the public from obtaining essentials such as bread, milk and meats.

The Committee met again at 10 a.m. yesterday to decide whether to permit vegetable, fruit and meat trucks to haul sufficient supplies to meet absolute necessity.

APPEAL FOR CALM

The Mayor of San Francisco, Mr. Rossi, in a broadcast address on Saturday night, charged that the situation was the result of the work of a small group of persons who "wilfully seek to create a disturbance to overthrow this Government and the Government of the United States." He appealed to citizens to remain calm while a solution was being worked out.

CONSERVATIVE WARNING

San Francisco, Later. The strike convention on Saturday recommended all the unions which approved the general strike to go out at 8 a.m. to-day, and urged the other unions to take immediate strike votes. The conservative elements have warned that a general strike will wreck labour and employees.

The market and street railways voted to strike at 2 a.m. yesterday.—United Press, per S. E. Levy and Company.

FIRST FATALITY

Portland, Oregon, To-day. The first local fatality in the coast strike occurred yesterday, when Mr. James Bateson, a brakeman, died from injuries sustained in Wednesday's rioting.—United Press, per S. E. Levy and Company.

WAGE INCREASE IN STEEL INDUSTRY.

Plants Permitted to Strike If Not.

SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL.

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Pittsburg, To-day.

The President of the Amalgamated Workers' Association, Mr. Tighe, has announced that seven steel plants have agreed to contracts granting employees a 3.5 per cent. wage increase. The Republic Steel Corporation for.

PRIZE-GIVING AT QUEEN'S THEATRE.

Commercial Institute Awards.

The prize-giving and concert of the The Commercial Institute, was held at the Queen's Theatre yesterday morning. Mr. Lu Yam-soon distributing the prizes and certificates, while Dr. Lam Shing-fun, Ph.D., M.S., A.I.B. and Mr. K. F. Chan gave speeches.

The following graduates received certificates from the Institute of Commerce, England:—

Chu Kar Chuen: accountancy, commercial handwriting, business trading, commercial arithmetic, commercial correspondence (prize awarded).

Leong Kam Chee: accountancy; typewriting; commercial arithmetic; Book Keeping.

Chik Yin Kai, Lui Shek Yan, Wong Shau Sheung, Un Ki Shu, Chan Kwan Chek, Koo Mah Sang, Wong Kim, Liu Tung Hin and Lim Wen Tsao received prizes.

Certificates from Institute of Book Keepers London were awarded to:—

Stage II Associate. Chu Kar Chun, Memey Shu, Leong Kam Chee and Chan Lo Chai.

Stage I Elementary. Wong Tsui Ping, (prize awarded) and Lee Yi Ning.

Local book-keeping certificates were awarded to:— L. K. Lee, Tung Wing Wai, Ching Wai Yeung, Lui Sai Sip, Loke Chi Hing, Yong Hok Ming, Leong Chi Fon and Tai Sun Luk.

Typewriting diplomas:— Fung Wing Tsun, Kong Kwong Leong and Man Chong Hon.

refused on account that it feared the unionists' radical leadership, whereupon Mr. Tighe announced that the plants affected have permission to strike.—United Press, per S. E. Levy and Company.

ROOSEVELT MAY RETURN

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Owing to the threat of pillage many shops in the danger area have closed and barred their doors and windows.—Reuter.

Three Longshoremen Shot Dead.

Houston, Texas, To-day.

Three Negro independent longshoremen were shot dead and a fourth critically wounded in a revolver fight in a ship in the river channel, yesterday.

A white member of the International Longshoremen's Association and two independent negro workers were less seriously wounded. The fight occurred when 20 negroes were en route to work in a motor-lorry.

A sports coupe suddenly came alongside with four white men in it. The latter opened fire with pistols and shotguns, and some of the negroes answered with a volley, wounding a white man named Reeves in the neck. Three murder charges have been filed against Reeves.—Reuter.

BAG-SNATCHER GAOLED

Mr. Siu Wing Thanked In Court.

Pleading guilty to a charge of snatching a bag, containing a \$100 bank note, \$5.64 in silver, and a gold watch, the property of Lau Siu-fong, a married woman, Chan Chuen, unemployed, was sentenced to six months' hard labour by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Complainant was walking along Queen's Road Central when her bag was snatched. Mr. Siu Wing, who arrested the accused, was thanked by the Magistrate.

PRUSSIA'S BAN ON KOSHER FOOD.

Prison Regulation For Jewish Convicts.

Berlin.

Jewish prisoner in Prussian gaols will in future be compelled to eat the same food as the other convicts even if their religion forbids it.

The Prussian Minister of Justice has abolished the regulation which in the past allowed the prison authorities to serve kosher food to convicts of Jewish faith.

In certain circumstances, however, a Jewish prisoner will be permitted to pay for kosher food to be brought in to him from outside.—Reuter.

LOCAL NEWS BREVITIES

The continuation of the early history of the Peak Tramway will be published in to-morrow's editions.

Lady Southern has kindly consented to present the prizes at the Kowloon Junior School prize-giving, to be held in the school garden at 5.15 p.m. on Thursday.

The British India liner s.s. Takada left Moji for Hong Kong yesterday afternoon, and is due here on Friday morning.

Charged with the theft of 80 shorts and 11 rolls of clothes from No. 62 Hollywood Road yesterday, Li Hang, unemployed, was remanded for 24 hours by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Sentence of one month's imprisonment was imposed on Fusa Takei, a 20-year-old Japanese waitress, by Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Central Magistracy this morning, for returning from banishment. Accused will be sent back to Japan after her term of sentence is ended.

The Director of Education will present the prizes at the Annual Prize Distribution of the Central British School in St. Andrew's Church Hall, Kowloon, on Friday at 10.30 a.m.

For defrauding Li Ying, a 63-year-old married woman, out of \$1.10 Ngai Shun-wo, 35-year-old unemployed, was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour by Mr. E. I. Wynne Jones at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning. Sgt. J. F. Kennedy prosecuted.

To-day's Short Story.

SALUTE TO ADVENTURE

By J. Jefferson Farjeon.

I WAS trying to find adventure. That is not a surprising statement. I expect you are pretty much the same. You have sought adventure both consciously and subconsciously—on holidays, at theatres, in the 8.57, in restaurants, in imagination, in ether—and you are still seeking.

Not, I hope that you are dissatisfied with life. I certainly am not. But just as the earth tries to escape from the sun around which it is forced to revolve, so we lesser entities try to escape from our lesser routines. Happily we are not allowed to escape too far. If we did, or if we ceased our attempt, it would be the end of us!

My present attempt was of the definitely conscious order. I was fed up with things. Fed up with London (an excellent place), fed up with my wife (an excellent woman), fed up, above all, with myself, concerning the excellence of which there is more doubt.

So I took a train to Devonshire, and then a walk to Dartmoor, in the hope that I should here find something to kill or cure me. Dartmoor is England's "wide open space," the ideal spot for the amateur pioneer. You may meet a mist or a bog or a semi-wild quadruped, enjoying mild adventure with the minimum of risk, and returning to your office again feeling the devil of a fellow.

But sometimes accidents happen. This adds to the fun, provided they are not fatal and happen to the other fellow. Thus, though I pretended to be, I was not really a bit sympathetic when a small boy popped at me round a crag and blurted out that somebody had fallen down somewhere. I was merely interested and sensationally enlivened. The newspaper attitude.

BOYS BITTEN BY DOGS.

Sent For Treatment.

A 6-year-old Japanese boy, Akira Noma, was admitted to the Government Civil Hospital, yesterday for treatment, after having been bitten by a dog, belonging to Mr. Kojima, of No. 19 Hennessy Road. Having been bitten by a dog, outside the Kowloon Godown, Wong Chai, a Chinese youth, was sent to the Kowloon Hospital yesterday.

"Who?" I cried. "Where?" The small boy was too breathless to continue the conversation at once. He could merely point, and as his finger trembled it pointed to several places.

"There?" I enquired, pointing more firmly to the crag. "Yes, sir," gasped the boy. He said, "sir," because he was well brought up, not because he was poor. "It's a sailor!" He looked up at me out of the corner of his eye as we ran, and evidently I wasn't too bad, for he added, in a sort of awed mutter: "From the East!"

I wondered how, with his small knowledge, he had identified a sailor from the East. What particular clothes do they wear? I felt sure I could not have done it. Then the solution dawned upon me. This small boy was out for adventure too.

TO-MORROW'S STORY

To-morrow's story will be "Sanctuary," by E. M. Almedingen.

We reached the crag and toppled round it. I saw no sailor from the East.

"Where?" I asked. He pointed ahead to another crag. I paid him the compliment of realising that this was no silly practical joke, and we ran on. Without in the least knowing it—there was not really time yet to know anything—we liked each other.

"He—he—he—" panted the boy.

"Let it keep," I panted back. But it would not keep. "He—he was wrecked on a desert coast," he managed, "and all the stolen jewels fell out."

I had never heard a complete story more concisely told. "What, just now?" I asked. "No, once," he answered. It occurred to me, not quite rationally perhaps, that an Eastern sailor who had been wrecked with stolen jewels on a desert coast should have been above bumping his nose on mere British soil. But, after all, a bump can hurt in any country, and geography only determines its glamour, or lack of it.

We reached the second crag. That small boy had come a long way for help. We rounded it with pounding hearts. And there, on the ground, lay the sailor from the East.

He did not look to me like any conception of a sailor from the East. He did not look like a sailor from any country. He was dressed in a rather shabby brown suit, and he was pale—shouldn't sailors have healthy, ruddy, complexions, even Eastern ones?—and, as far as one could determine, he was devoid of tattoo-marks. Of course, his paleness might have been accounted for by his fall, and there might be tattoo-marks on portions of his body not visible. But—well, he just didn't look like a sailor, and somehow or other I refused to believe that he was.

In stature he was tall and thin. Perhaps his length was accentuated by his recumbent position—he was stretched out on the ground something like a dog—but his thinness was revealed by the looseness of his brown suit. Suddenly I found myself concentrating on the looseness of the brown suit.

"We was up there," whispered the small boy, pointing to a rock. This time he omitted the "sir." Our friendship, and the crisis, were now too great for breeding. "We were talkin', an' he was jest tellin' me about the wreck when he slipped."

"I see," I murmured, and knelt down. The sailor from the East moved as I touched him. Good—he was not dead. If he had been, that would have spoilt everything. A moment later he even opened an eye. Good, once more. It was a rather sad eye, but it was not an agonised eye.

"Badly hurt?" I enquired. "I don't know," he mumbled. I felt about him with unpractised hands. Like so many of us I wanted adventure, but had never troubled seriously to fit myself for it. He bore my pummelling stolidly, and did not wince till I touched his left ankle.

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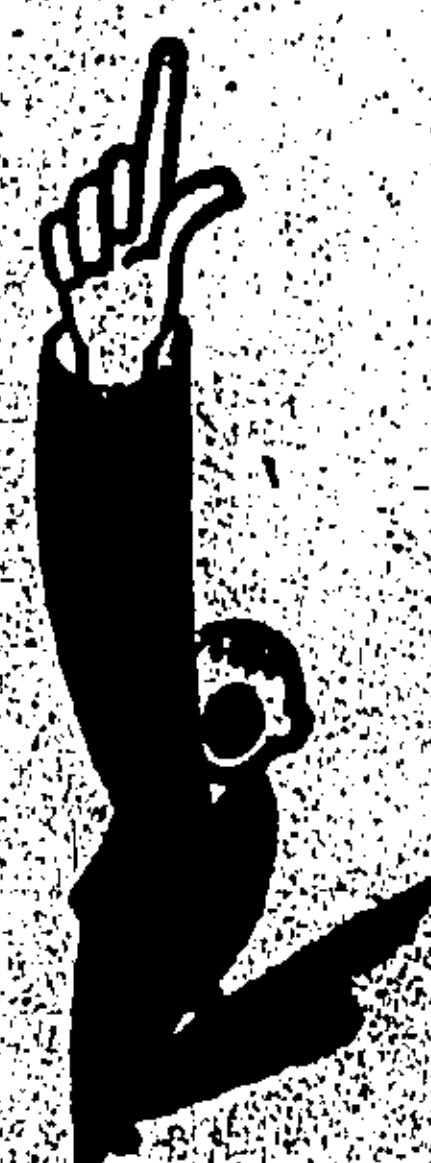
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GRIM STRUGGLE IN MID-AIR.

Pilot Saves Student From Suicide.

Muncie, Indiana.
A pilot, while flying at 2,000 feet near here, noticed that his passenger was attempting to climb out of the rear cockpit and had already got one foot on the wing.
The airman set his machine into a glide.
Then he grabbed a fire-extinguisher and struck the passenger—a 19-year-old student—on the head, knocking his unconscious.
The pilot struggled for three minutes to drag the inert body into the front cockpit.
When he again took the controls the machine had descended to within 500 feet of the ground. The student afterwards explained that he had been brooding over his examination results.—Reuter.

MARCH ON WARSAW HALTED.

Radical-Nationalist Demonstration.

Warsaw.
Police arrested 380 members of the Radical-Nationalist party at Miedzylesie, near Warsaw, because it was suspected that they were about to march on Warsaw as a demonstration.
Altogether 500 members of party, all in uniform, had gathered at Miedzylesie.
Local police gave the alarm, and a strong detachment of Warsaw police were rushed to the spot in motor-lorries.
They brought 380 Radical-Nationalists back to Warsaw and locked them up, in batches of 30, in the city's police stations.—Reuter.

Salute To Adventure

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"That's it," he said.
I managed to get him to a sitting position. Then I wondered what to do next. I supposed the correct procedure was to bind the ankle with a handkerchief, and then to get him somewhere. But where? The somewhere I had come from was a little town five complicated miles away, and in the circumstances that was a long trek.
"Well, the first thing is to bind up the foot," I announced authoritatively. Why did his suit hang so loosely? My mind continually reverted to it. "Where do you come from?"

"A long way," he murmured.
The small boy shot a rapid glance at me. It meant: "There, you see—the East!" But I began to develop a theory that was considerably closer. The looseness of the suit was telling me something.
"Perhaps there's a cottage," I said vaguely, while I produced this handkerchief and began to operate. I thanked Heaven the fellow was not seriously injured. If he had been, for all the aid I could have given him in that isolated spot, he would have died very rapidly.

"There's ours," piped the boy.
"Eh?" I jerked.
"Ours," repeated the boy. "We've taken one. Me and my sister."

I have indicated that I am a married man. I have also indicated, I hope, that despite my periodic boredom, I am fond of my wife. But I was out for adventure, and the mention of a sister put a warm little feeling into my heart. The spot immediately became a little less isolated. For a moment I forgot all about the man's too-loose suit, and wondered what the sister was like. She could not be ugly if her eyes were anything like those of her eager, ingenious little brother.
"Do you think you could hobble?" I asked the sailor from the East. "We can help you, of course."

"I think I might," answered the man.
Cheered by this news, the small boy became communicative.
"Do you know what he did once?" he cried. "He walked through a jungle with a poisoned arrow in him!"

"Really!" I murmured.
I felt the vital moment had come. I regarded the man with a challenging eye. His own eye became a little sheepish.

"You know the world pretty well, don't you?" I remarked.
"Pretty well," he agreed.
"This part, also? Dartmoor?"

He hesitated for a moment, then nodded slowly. I played my trump card. As I completed my bandaging, I advanced my head close to his, and asked in a low voice:
"May I know where you got that suit? If you will forgive me, your tailor doesn't seem to have fitted you very well?"

The sheepish eye wavered, and fell.
"Carry on, guv'nor," he muttered.
"But—"

He jerked his head towards the boy. The boy had not been quite close enough to overhear. The jerk meant: "Any need to let him know?"

The imaginary adventures of a sailor from the East evaporated before the real adventure of an escaped convict!

Was it necessary to let the boy know? To change his delight into something that was rather scaring? He was a very small boy, and I still retain a vivid memory of my own childhood nightmares. And his sister, with whom he was apparently staying alone in an isolated cottage—how about the nightmares that might be communicated to her?

The position was now clear. The convict had fed the boy's appetite for adventure to cover the awkward truth. But it was this awkward truth I had to deal with, and how to deal with it was not so clear.

One thing was certain, at any rate. The convict should not be taken to the cottage.
I decided that I must know a little more of the truth, and for this purpose I invented a little lie.

"What we really need," I said, "is a dock-leaf."

Ridiculous, yes, but my mind was racing. "I am really no good at this sort of thing."

"Dock-leaves are for stings," replied the boy, confound him.
"Not Devonshire dock-leaves," I retorted. "They cool inflammation. I believe I saw some on the other side of those rocks."

"It did the trick." The boy was now impressed by my superior

knowledge. He ran off immediately to look and I turned back quickly to the convict.

"Now, then," I said. "Where's the man you took that suit from?"

"Dunno," he answered.
"Nonsense! You must know!" I insisted.

"I stole the suit from a cottage," he returned. "Never saw him, guv'nor."

"Near here?"
He shook his head.
"Where, then? Let's have it!"

"How do I know where it was? When you're in the prison they don't give you a map! A long way off. It was yesterday, see. After I got clear."

"I see. And you've been wandering about ever since?"
"That's right. Until I met the boy and had this blasted accident. What are you going to do about it?"

"What can I do about it?" I exclaimed, "except give you up?"
He looked a miserable object now that the glamour was shorn from him. Instinctively, I always side with the hare. But, dash it all....

"How are you going to give me up?" he asked.
"We won't worry about that for a moment or two," I responded, postponing the difficult problem.

"What are you in for? What did you do?"
The question may not have been pertinent, but I was finding it difficult to adjust my attitude without knowing the nature of his crime.

Was I speaking to a forger or a burglar or a blackmailer? Or a company promoter? It might make a difference.

"Murder," he said.
Somehow I had expected that answer. Adventure had caught me by the throat, and was not letting me off. But the answer hit me violently where I nearly couldn't stand it.

I remained very still, while he regarded me from the ground with a sort of sullen interest. I prayed that he did not see the perspiration on my forehead.

I had never seen a murderer before. That is, not knowingly. Probably you have not seen one yourself. Believe me, it gives you a queer sensation, even if, as obviously in this case, there have been extenuating circumstances that have caused a reprieve. You look at the man as though he belonged to another species.

An invisible curtain descends between you, through which communication becomes unreal, unnatural. You forget for the moment that, actually, the murderer is a fellow creature, and that, in a certain set of circumstances which you will most likely never be called upon to meet, you are yourself a potential murderer, bearing within you inflammable emotion.

While I was passing through this queer experience, my better nature appalled by it, my sensational nature enthralled by it, the murderer read my mind, and, with a very odd smile, held up his hands.

"You haven't searched me for the gun," he said.
The next instant, his hands came down and he rolled over.

"I can't find any," called a voice.
"Where did you say you saw them?" The small boy came back round the rocks. He stopped short and stared. I too was staring.

"What's happened?" he asked, awed again.
"Fainted," I answered.
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COMRADES' REUNION IN DITCH.

Brought Together In Road Crash.

Berlin.
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Aiming at the dissolution of all political parties and the election of a parliament without parties, Colonel de la Roque, head of the "Croix de Feu," as association of war veterans decorated for bravery under fire, looms as the current "Strong Man" of France. Although the organization controlled by the Colonel was relatively unimportant up to the Paris riots of last February, when many of its members were shot down by the police, it has grown to gigantic proportions since. De la Roque, although a soldier with a distinguished career of war service in Europe and Morocco, refuses to arm his followers, said to number more than 100,000. He believes he can achieve control of France by constitutional means.

BRITISH FLEET DISPOSITION

H.M.S. Kent Due Here
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SHIPS LEAVING WEI-HAI-WEI

The following dispositions of the China Fleet were issued on Saturday:—

H. M. S. Kent, the former flagship of the China Station, will leave Singapore on Tuesday and is due here next Monday.

H. M. S. Suffolk will sail from Wei-Hai-Wei on July 25 for Chingwangtao, where she is due the next day.

H. M. S. Cornwall will leave Wei-Hai-Wei on July 25 for Tsingtao. H. M. S. Cumberland and H. M. S. Eagle, which are now stationed in Wei-Hai-Wei, will sail and arrive at Chefoo on July 26. H. M. S. Adventure will leave on the same day and is expected to arrive at Peitaiho on July 26.

H. M. S. Berwick now at Singapore on her way home, is due to arrive in Colombo on July 25. She will sail on July 25.

H. M. S. Sandwich will sail from Hankow on July 28 and will arrive at Wei-Hai-Wei on August 3, while H. M. S. Bridgewater will arrive at Hankow on August 6 from Shanghai.

H. M. S. Folkestone and H. M. S. Falmouth, now at Wei-Hai-Wei, are expected to arrive in Shanghai on August 1, and Chingwangtao on July 26, respectively.

H. M. S. Grimsby is expected here from home at the end of this year.

The following vessels are now at Wei-Hai-Wei: H. M. S. Keppel, H. M. S. Wild Swan, H. M. S. Verity, H. M. S. Wishart, H. M. S. Whitehall, and those at present in Hong Kong are H. M. S. Witch, H. M. S. Wren, H. M. S. Whitshed and H. M. S. Veteran.

H. M. S. Medway and the following submarines are now stationed in Wei-Hai-Wei: H. M. S. Olympus, H. M. S. Odin, H. M. S. Persus, H. M. S. Rainbow, and H. M. S. Otus, and the following are at present in Hong Kong: H. M. S. Oswald, H. M. S. Ostris, H. M. S. Proteus, H. M. S. Parthian and H. M. S. Pandora.

H. M. S. Medway, accompanied by four submarines, is scheduled to leave for Tsingtao on July 25.

H. M. S. Phoenix is now on her way to Wei-Hai-Wei.

H. M. S. Bruce is now in Wei-Hai-Wei.

THE FAMILY WEDDING

Budapest.

The four sons of Janos Toth, a farmer at Janoshalom, married four girls of their village on the same day.

The four couples went together to the Registrar for the civil wedding, and then to the church to be married at the same time.

Salute To Adventure

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I said it as it is spelt above, but while the boy crept forward another interpretation of the phonetic word flashed into my brain, and the second letter changed from an "a" to an "e."

"Wait! Stay where you are!" I ordered sharply.

Was this a trick?

I recalled a play in which a crook, covered by a revolver, had suddenly gone limp and fallen forward; and then, sitting safely in my stall, I had cursed the hero for a fool as he had lowered his revolver and gone to the crook, only to receive a crack on his head for the sympathy. I, now, was not going to be such a fool! Of course this was going to be such a fool! Of course this was a trick! I made a careful circle round the man; viewed him from the back; advanced; stopped to view him again; advanced again, and touched him.

Then I smiled at myself grimly. He'd gone off properly, there was no doubt about it. Still, it had been wise to take no chances.

"What did you do that for?" asked the boy, anxiously.

"Don't worry," I said. "I'm afraid he's hurt a bit more than we supposed, though."

"When he fell I thought he hit his head," said the boy.

"Ah, that explains it," I nodded. "Fine doctor I am, eh?"

"We'd better get him to the cottage, hadn't we?" suggested the boy. "Can you carry him?"

I believed I could carry him. Whatever other qualifications I lack, I have strength. But I hesitated. "Is yours the nearest cottage?" I enquired.

"Oh, yes, it's really quite close," he replied. "There isn't another for miles and miles, that's why we liked it."

You must not think me hard-hearted. Had it been my own cottage I would not have hesitated for an instant. But to plant a murdered man, moreover, who was making a desperate effort for liberty, in the lonely cottage of a boy and girl who were living by themselves miles and miles from everywhere, could not be done without serious thought. Of course, the man was helpless, seemingly, and I myself was by to look after things.

Then a new factor entered. The girl herself. She appeared suddenly round the rocks that obscured the track along which we had come, and stood still in amazement.

I am not going to waste paragraphs describing the girl. She had to be beautiful to fit into this queer adventure, and I will merely state that she was. Her eyes, as I had anticipated, were like her brother's, only they had of course, greater knowledge behind them, and a pleasant strength.

I happened to reassure her as well as I could.

an accident to this man."

She ran forward immediately. I quelled a totally wrong impulse to stop her, and a moment later she was kneeling beside the man and asking, in a clear voice that matched her eyes, what had happened.

"He's a sailor from the East!" cried her brother, his spirit released again in the strength of his sister's presence. "He was telling me about it when he fell off that rock."

"That, substantially, is the story," I added, as she glanced at me. "I'm not really a part of it. I just came along. I—I have bound up his foot."

I mentioned the foot to show that I had not been entirely quiescent. She looked at the foot and, to my relief, passed the bandage. Then her eyes ran up his body and rested on his face.

"Poor fellow," she said.

"But he'll be all right," insisted her brother, earnestly. "Once he walked right through a jungle with a poisoned arrow in his chest."

"He doesn't look much like a sailor," she commented.

I whispered: "He isn't a sailor." She shot another quick glance at me. Then said:

"Well, whoever he is, we must try and get him indoors. It'll soon be dark, and it's going to rain."

"What do you mean, 'whoever he is'?" asked the boy.

"He had no whisper, only her reply to it. 'I've told you, Sis. Oh, and he's been shipwrecked with a lot of stolen jewels, diamonds, and—'"

"Do you think you could lift him?" she interrupted, turning to me.

"Easily," I answered. "He's thin."

"Then will you?"

"Yes, certainly. But—"

"What?"

"Well, I—I was just wondering—"

"Does it really matter who he is?" Her tone was a little impatient.

"Even if he's not a sailor, he's not a murderer!"

"He is," I replied.

She stared at me. So did the boy. The boy was first to speak. He explained it.

"Oh, I see what you mean!" he exclaimed. "But you can't call that being a murderer. Killing cannibals doesn't count!"

"Did you mean the cannibal?" asked the girl.

I shook my head.

"This is the first I've heard of the cannibals," I admitted. "He's escaped from Dartmoor Prison."

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more over his demise than did the audience for whom he had been created.

The girl, undoubtedly, had pluck. She did not gasp, or start, or do any of the usual things. She just drew a deep breath and said:

"Well, he's hurt, and that's all that counts just now. Come on."

She rose from her kneeling position. I stooped and picked the insensible fellow up. He stirred slightly as I did so. I was amazed at his lightness.

"This way," said the girl. "I'll show you."

We did not speak any more till we reached the cottage. It lay in a little fold of hills just off the main moor-track. When I had got him inside the parlour and had placed him on a somewhat lumpy couch, I realised that we were up against another difficult decision, but I decided to hear the girl's opinion before expressing my own.

"So that's that," I said. "What's the next step?"

"A doctor," she answered.

"Or a policeman?" I suggested.

"Perhaps both. Would you go?"

"Well, what do you think?"

"Why not?"

"And leave you alone with him? Yesterday he broke into a house and stole that suit he's wearing. If he comes to while I'm not here, there's no knowing what he may get up to."

"But—look at his condition!" I knew all about his condition. It doesn't seem too good. I don't think he's dangerously hurt, though—probably he's been weakened by hunger and ploughing across the moor—but I'm not going to take any chances. And I'm not going to let you take any."

She smiled faintly and enquired: "Then what is the next step?"

"You or your brother will have to go, I'm afraid, while I stick here by this man. Or why don't you both go together? Then you could look after each other."

Her smile grew. "And who'd look after you?" she asked.

I stared at her in frank astonishment. When we are honest (and I claim to be that) it is difficult to picture ourselves seeming dishonest to others. Was I taking my own ideas too much for granted? Had my sudden laughter banished my doubts?

"I'm sorry!" she said. "It's blip-

ped out. I couldn't help it. I know you're all right. I can read faces. Better, I believe, than you can. Either of you," she added, turning to her brother. "A sailor from the East!"

Her brother flushed. He had been very silent. He was mourning, as I was, the sailor from the East.

"How was I to know, Sis?" he frowned. "He told me."

"Yes," she retorted, "and he told you he had walked through a jungle with a poisoned arrow in his chest—a man with that constitution!"

"Well—perhaps the arrow gave him the what you said," he muttered.

"Bravo!" I applauded. "Good defence! And now where have I slipped up?"

"I don't know that you have slipped up," she answered honestly. Her voice was quiet and serious again. "But he doesn't seem to have the face of a murderer, either. And, if he had escaped yesterday, wouldn't we have heard of it? Wouldn't someone have called here? This cottage is quite near the prison, you know. And there's been nothing whatever in the papers."

"Yes, but—he told me!" I exclaimed.

And then a little sound behind us made us turn. The subject of our discourse was opening his eyes, and there was an odd, almost whimsical look in them.

"Didn't you?" I challenged.

"Yes, I—I know I did," came the feeble voice from the couch. "You see—well, you both seemed to want it. It was—just a little salute to adventurers."

There followed a few moments of silence. The eyes remained whimsical, but apologetic. The room went round a little.

"In that case," I demanded suddenly, "who are you?"

"Nobody at all exciting," he murmured. "Just one of the unemployed—who can still enjoy a bit of adventure, though. Like yourselves. You were wrong about my suit, sir. He added reproachfully. "It was made by a very good tailor—and four years ago it fitted me."

The girl's eyes filled with sudden tears. And that ought to have been the end of the story. Perhaps it was. But I had a queer sort of feeling, as I left the little cottage to find a doctor, that there might be some more to come.

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SCIENTIFIC STUDY OF COSMIC RAYS

Brussels, To-day.
 The balloon in which Professor Max Cosyns, a colleague of Professor Piccard, will make his forthcoming attempt on a new stratosphere flight was yesterday taken by military aeronautical experts to Hourhavenne, in the Ardennes, from where the ascent will be made.
 Professor Cosyns, who will be accompanied by a 23-year-old student of Professor Piccard, is now only awaiting favourable meteorological conditions before starting his ascent.
 He will begin at about 4 a.m. and continue for between 10 and 15 hours.
 No attempt will be made to beat the altitude record. The object of the flight is purely a scientific study of the cosmic rays of the stratosphere.—Reuter.

THREE TYPHOONS REPORTED

No Immediate Menace To Colony.

Typhoon warnings, issued by the Manila Observatory, and received through the American Consul General, state that a typhoon is located in about 130 degrees Long. E., and 25 degrees Lat. N., recurring northwards.
 Another typhoon, or cyclone, is developing to the east of Balintang Channel.
 The typhoon, which was situated west of the Ladrone or Mariana Islands, is moving west-north-west, or north-west.
 The Royal Observatory, Hong Kong, in their weather report this morning, issue a warning that a typhoon is situated about 150 miles East of Ishigakijima, moving north-west.
 There is no local report regarding the typhoons reported by Manila observatory, and the only local one reported is unlikely to have any effect on Hong Kong as it is moving away from the Colony.

LATER WARNING

A warning was issued at 12.10 p.m. to-day, by the Manila Observatory, through the American Consul, that a typhoon is located in about 126 degrees east longitude and 23 degrees north latitude, moving north-west.

WHERE CANTON DOES NOT SEE EYE TO EYE

(Continued From Page 1)

Objection to the Japan policy of the Nanking Government on the part of Canton is the bone of contention, but at the back of this is the political manipulation of Gen. Chiang Kai-shek, Chairman of the Nanking Military Commission, to dominate Canton.

POLITICAL OFFENSIVE MEASURES

SOUTHERN LEADERS IN HONG KONG.

IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS EXPECTED

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Canton, Saturday.
 With the arrival in Hong Kong of General Pai Hsing-hsi, well-known Kwangsi leader, who is to interview Mr. Hu Han-min, the retired Kuomintang chief, and General Huang Shao-hsiung, Minister of Interior, important political developments in the South-west are expected.

The subjects to be discussed to-day are concerned primarily with the Fifth National Congress of the Kuomintang which will meet at Nanking in November. As the authorities in Canton and Nanking are under the control of the Kuomintang, both sides wishing to dominate the Congress which is the supreme organ of the Party.

Members of the Kuomintang Central Executive Committee and the Central Supervisory Committee are elected by the Congress, which meets once in every two years. During its adjournment, the two central committees have the power to supervise and direct the National Government and the provincial authorities.

INDEPENDENT PARTIES

The South-west Political Council and the Kuomintang South-west Executive Committee are products of the Fourth National Congress, held in December, 1931, and are practically independent of the National Government and the Central Party Headquarters in Nanking. These two bodies have virtually created a separate regime in Kwangtung and Kwangsi.

Such a state of affairs is not satisfactory in the opinion of Chiang Kai-shek, who desires the Fifth National Congress to abolish these two South-West organs so that his influence may be extended to Canton.
 Kuomintang leaders here and those "holidaying" in Hong Kong are planning out defensive schemes to meet this political offensive from Nanking.

AIRCRAFT PLANT IN KWANGTUNG

(Continued from Page 1)

One hundred cadets will be enrolled in the autumn by the School of Aviation of the Army Air Corps here, and they will be instructed in mechanical and aeronautical engineering.

Machinery for the production of aircraft was ordered from several American firms through the air mission which recently visited the United States. The party included: Lieut-General Wong Kwong-yui, Commandant of the Air Force, Colonel Mei Lung-on, Director of the Aircraft Works, and Colonel Ting Chi-hau, Wing Commander.

These air officers are on their way back to Canton from Europe and will arrive here in the early part of next month.

EVADING CANTON FISH DUTY

Hong Kong Merchants Evacuating.

SKEKKI NEW CENTRE

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Canton, Saturday.
 To avoid the increasing Chinese import tariff on fish products, dealers in Hong Kong have decided to remove to Shekki, near Macao. As Shekki is in Chinese territory, salt and fresh fish can be shipped there to any place in Kwangtung duty free.

At present whatever they consign from Hong Kong to the interior of China is considered foreign goods. Several attempts were made by the fish merchants in the Colony to petition the South-west Political Council and the Ministry of Finance to scale down the tariff on fish from Hong Kong, but the replies were either unfavourable or non-committal.

A delegation was sent to Nanking to bring the matter to the attention of the central authorities, but no substantial result was forthcoming.

CHIK WAN REJECTED

Chik Wan, on the estuary of the Canton River, was once chosen as the site to which the fish merchants would move, but it was later found that Shekki, in the Chungshan Model County, is a better place, because it is within easy reach of Canton, Macao, and the more prosperous towns of Kwangtung.

In their petition to the Chinese authorities, the fish merchants argue that the fish should be treated as a native product, since they are not caught in Hong Kong but in the South China Sea and off the coast of Kwangtung.

The Chinese authorities have taken a strict view of the case and decline to grant the request. Hence the merchants have no choice but to migrate from Hong Kong to Chinese territory.

SUN FO MAY VISIT HONG KONG.

Instructions Received From Chiang Kai-shek.

Nanking, To-day.
 Chinese reports state that Mr. Sun Fo has received instructions from Marshal Chiang Kai-shek to proceed to Hong Kong while en route back to China from Honolulu, to work out further details for future co-operation between Nanking and Canton.

One object of Mr. Sun Fo's mission to the south will be to persuade Mr. Hu Han-min to leave Hong Kong and take a trip abroad.

It is also reported that after Mr. Sun Fo's visit, Dr. H. H. Kung, Minister of Finance and Vice-President of the Executive Yuan, is also planning a trip to South China.—Reuter.

JAPANESE CONSULS TO CONFER

(Continued From Page 1)

Mr. R. Acino, the Acting Consul-General for Japan, left Hong Kong last Thursday to attend the Conference, according to information supplied at the Japanese Consulate-General.

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 with the four men she loved in
THE HOUSE ON 56TH STREET
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